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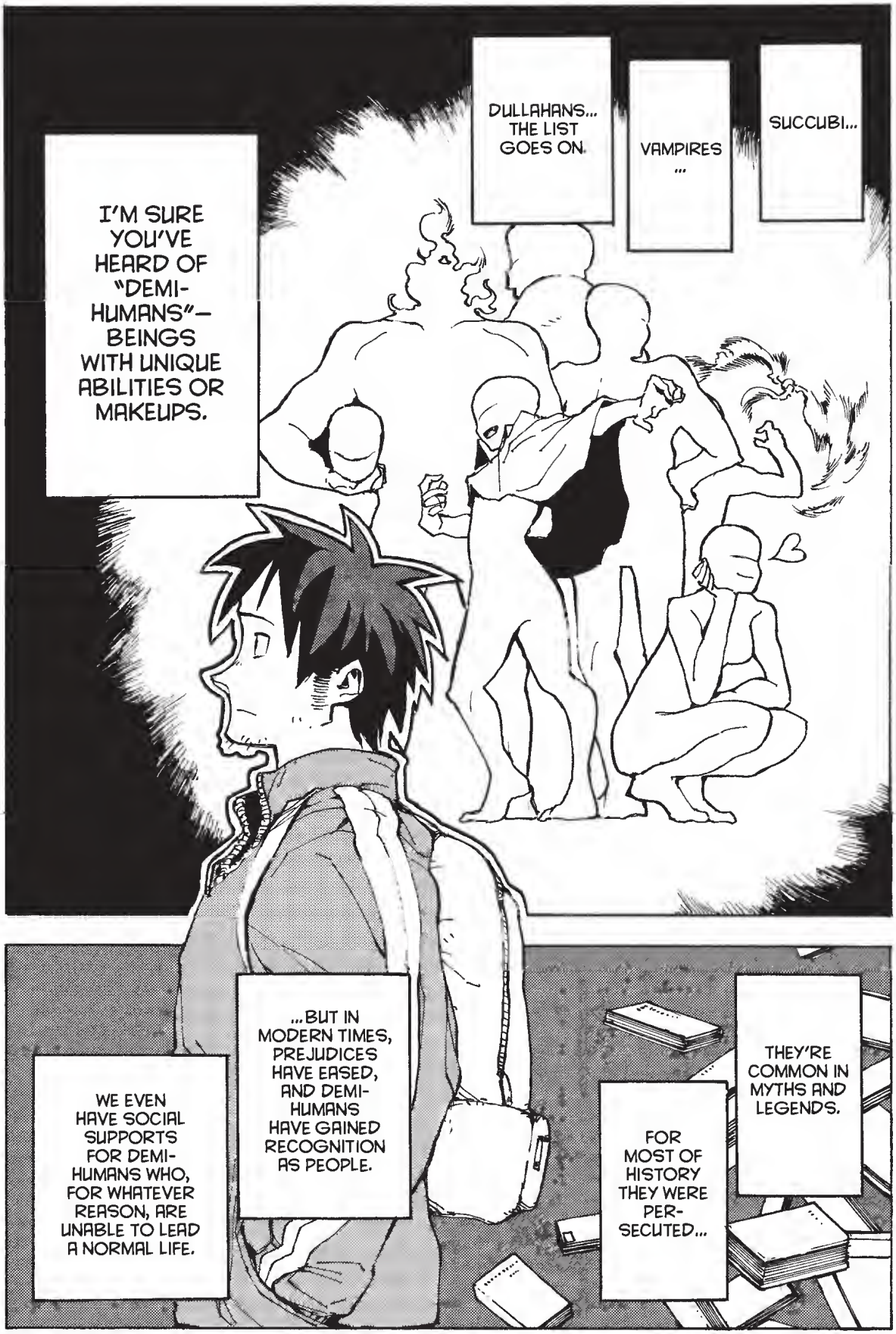
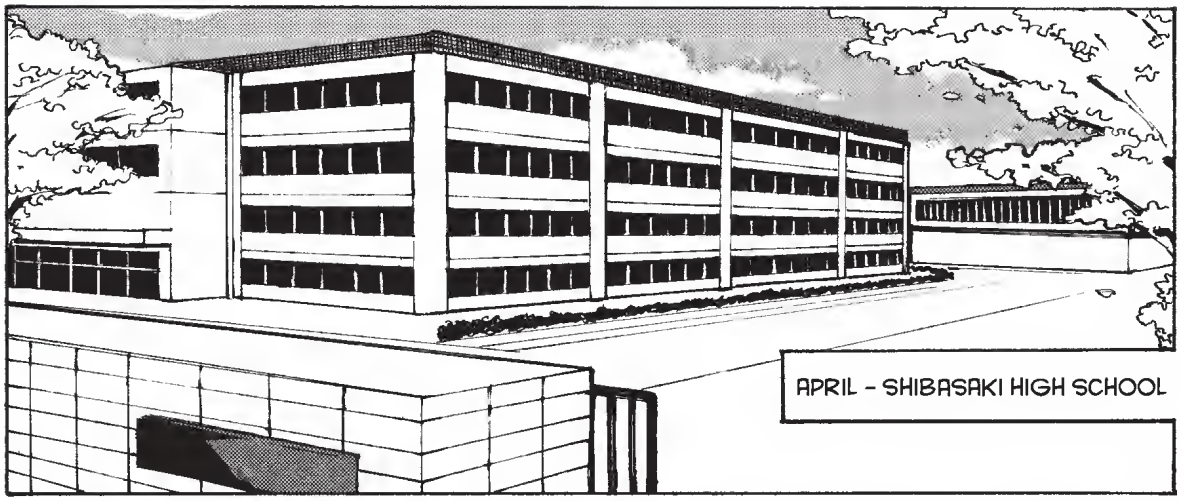
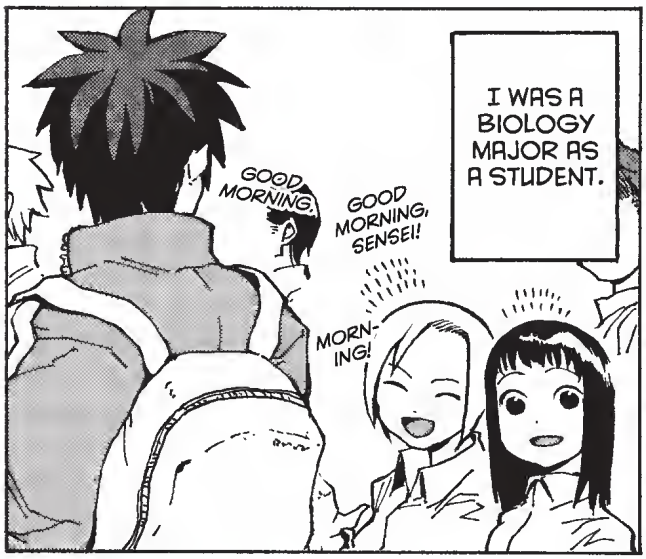
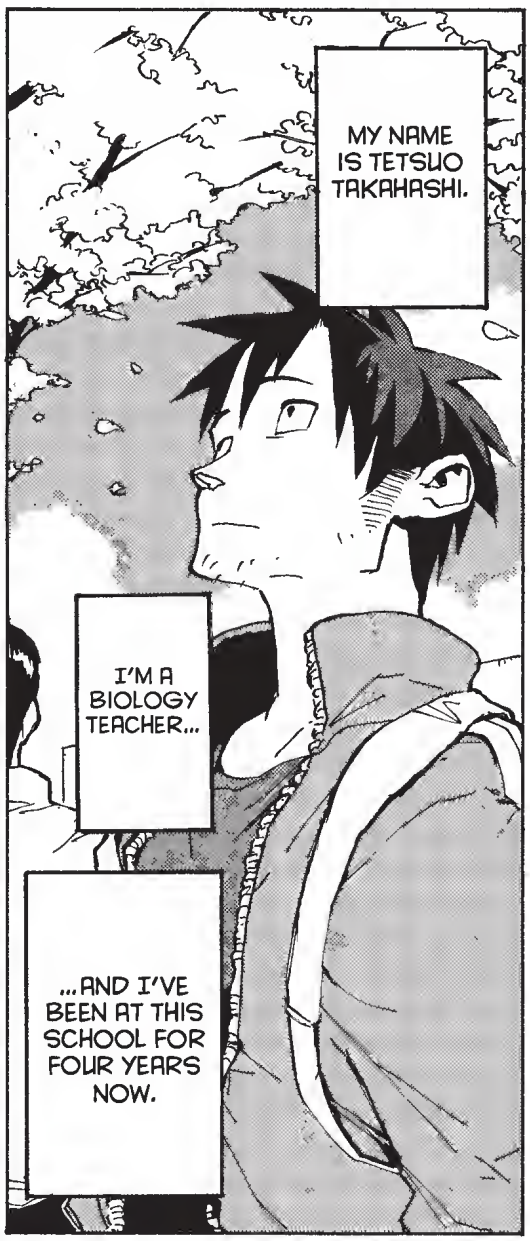
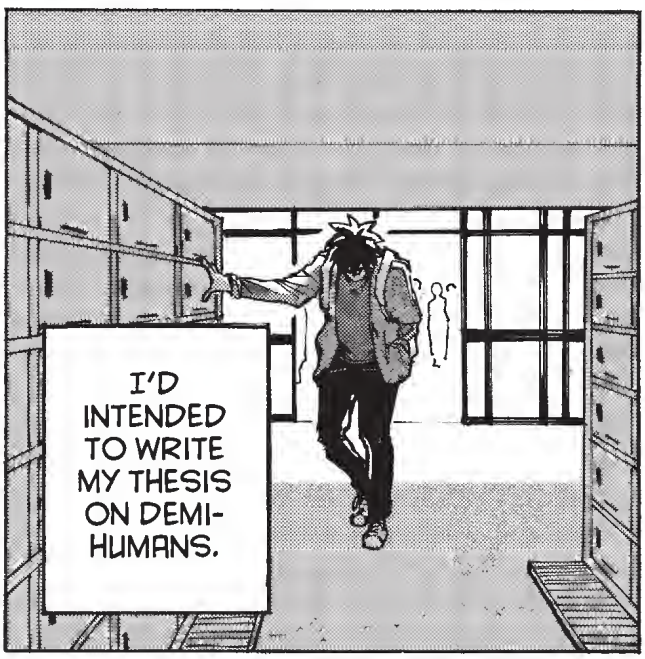

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF "DEMI-HUMANS"— BEINGS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES OR MAKEUPS.
DULLAHANS... THE LIST GOES ON.
VAMPIRES ...
SUCCUBI...
THEY'RE COMMON IN MYTHS AND LEGENDS.
FOR MOST OF HISTORY THEY WERE PER-SECUTED...
...BUT IN MODERN TIMES, PREJUDICES HAVE EASED, AND DEMI-HUMANS HAVE GAINED RECOGNITION AS PEOPLE.
WE EVEN HAVE SOCIAL SUPPORTS FOR DEMI-HUMANS WHO, FOR WHATEVER REASON, ARE UNABLE TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE.


APRIL - SHIBASAKI HIGH SCHOOL


I WAS A BIOLOGY MAJOR AS A STUDENT.
GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING, SENSEI!
MORN-ING!


MY NAME IS TETSUO TAKAHASHI.
I'M A BIOLOGY TEACHER...
...AND I'VE BEEN AT THIS SCHOOL FOR FOUR YEARS NOW.


I'D INTENDED TO WRITE MY THESIS ON DEMI-HUMANS.

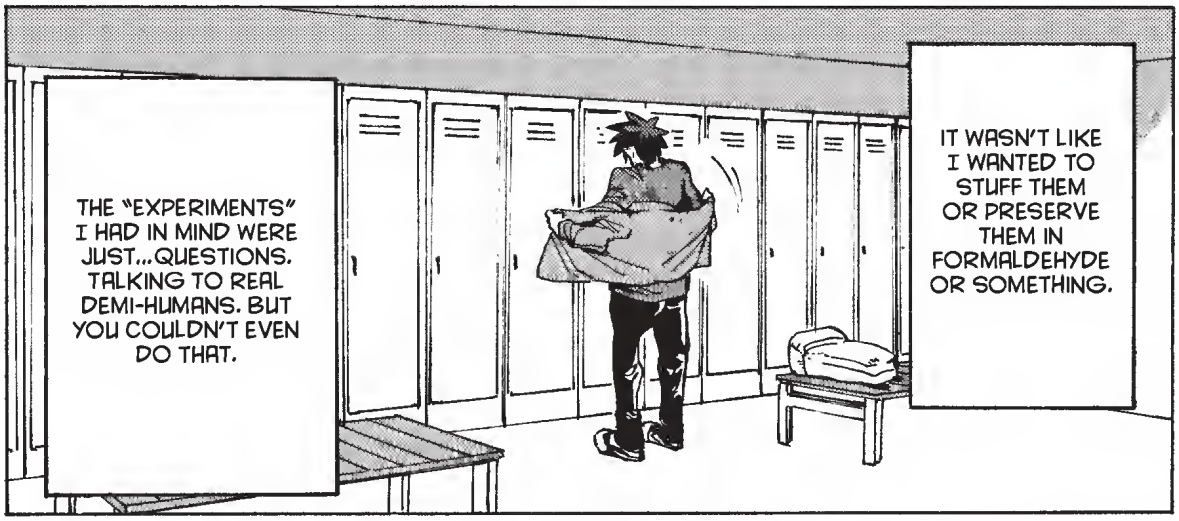
...I JUST DESPERATELY WANTED TO MEET ONE.
WELL, I'M NOT PROUD OF IT, BUT...
WHY WAS I SO SET ON DEMI-HUMAN RESEARCH?

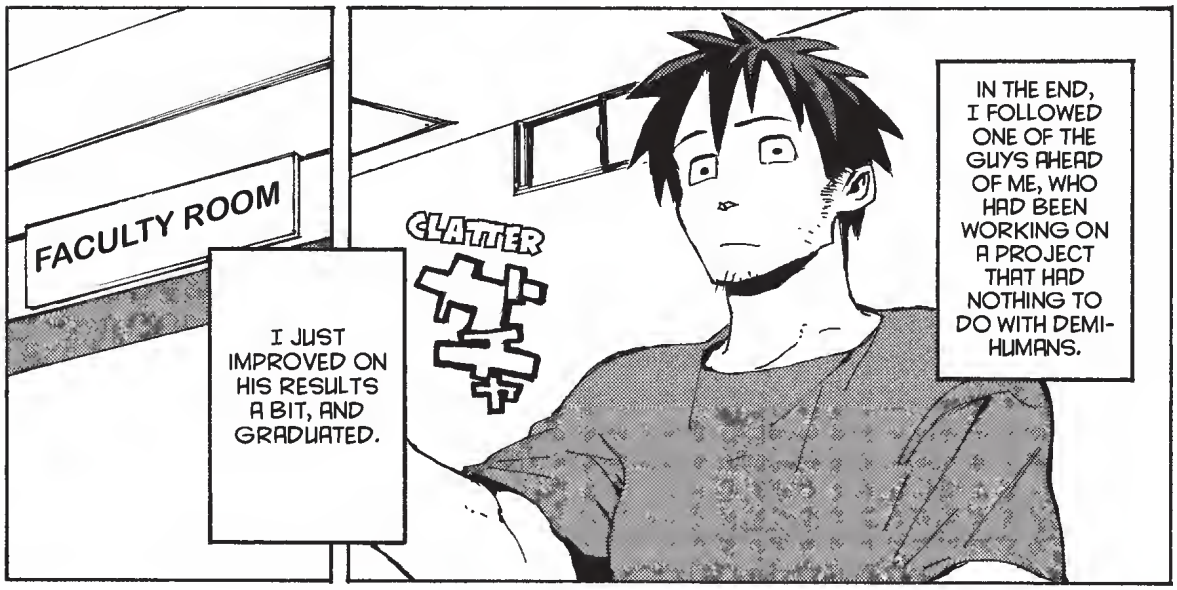
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW.
WHAT DO THEY THINK AND FEEL?
WHAT ARE THEIR RELATION-SHIPS LIKE?
HOW DOES SOMEONE BORN AS A DEMI-HUMAN LIVE?

MY NAME IS SAKIE SATO. I'LL BE WORKING WITH YOU ALL STARTING THIS YEAR.
HELLO, EVERYONE.
DEMI-HUMANS ARE A VERY SMALL PART OF THE POP-ULATION.
THE CHANCES OF EVER MEETING ONE ARE EXTREMELY SLIM.

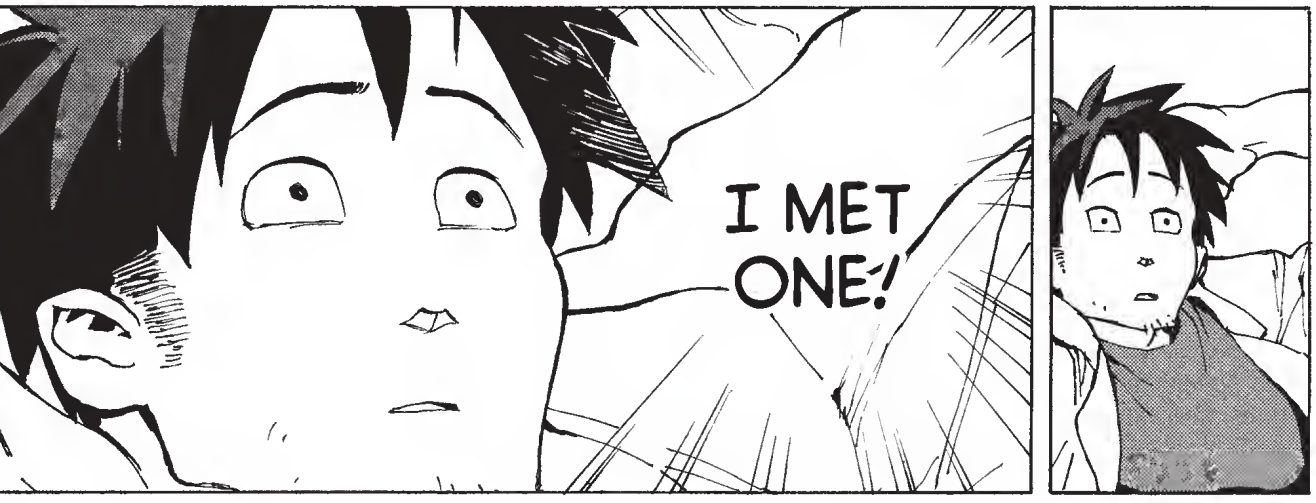
BUT...
WELL.

...WOULD NEVER BE GRANTED TO A MERE STUDENT.
...PERMISSION TO EXPERIMENT ON DEMI-HUMANS...
BUT, ALLEGEDLY, FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC OPINION AND SIMPLE COMMON SENSE...


THE "EXPERIMENTS" I HAD IN MIND WERE JUST...QUESTIONS. TALKING TO REAL DEMI-HUMANS. BUT YOU COULDN'T EVEN DO THAT.
IT WASN'T LIKE I WANTED TO STUFF THEM OR PRESERVE THEM IN FORMALDEHYDE OR SOMETHING.


FACULTY ROOM
I JUST IMPROVED ON HIS RESULTS A BIT, AND GRADUATED.
CLATTER
IN THE END, I FOLLOWED ONE OF THE GUYS AHEAD OF ME, WHO HAD BEEN WORKING ON A PROJECT THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DEMI-HUMANS.

I'M A DEMI-HUMAN...
A SUCCUBUS.
SAKIE SATO
MATH TEACHER
SUCCUBUS


I MET ONE!

SUCCUBI...
SOMEWHAT PERVY DEMI-HUMANS WHO CAN CAUSE OTHER PEOPLE TO...
GET IN THE MOOD, TOO...
I FINALLY MET A DEMI-HUMAN. HOW COULD IT BE SO... SIMPLE?
WHY DID I WANT IT SO BADLY FOR HALF MY LIFE?
SATO-SENSEI, THOUGH...
I LOOK FORWARD...
...TO WORKING WITH YOU!
THERE MUST BE A REASON.
HMMM... I WON-DER.
SHE SEEMS AWFULLY PLAIN FOR A SUCCUBUS.
SENSEI!

SEN-SEI!
SEN-SEI!!
MY CLASS-MATE DOESN'T LOOK VERY GOOD!
HELP ME TAKE HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE,
UM...
TAKANASHI! FROM CLASS 1-B!
RIGHT. THANKS FOR LETTING ME KNOW, TAKA-NASHI.
I'LL TAKE A LOOK. I HOPE IT'S SOMETHING I CAN HELP WITH...
HUH? ARE YOU A NURSE, TOO?
SCRATCH SCRATCH
NO, BIOLOGY TEACHER.
BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN TEACHING THAT LONG.
I CAN STILL READ A STUDENT...
...WITH A LOOK AT HER FACE.

ボボボ…
ボボボ…
FOOOOOO…
KYOKO MACHI
CLASS 1-B

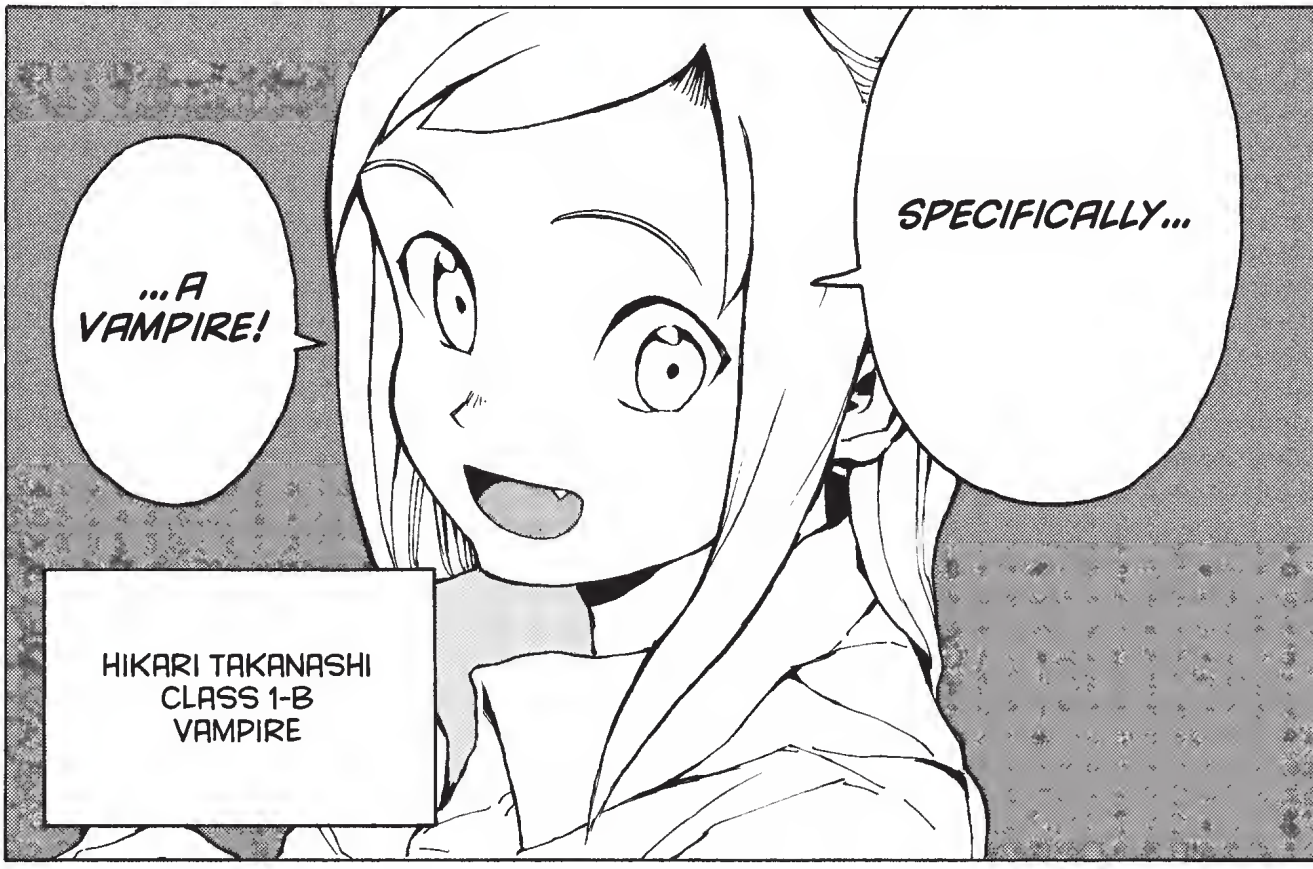
FOOOO…
ボボボボ…

DOESN'T THIS MEAN SHE'S, YOU KNOW...
...A DULLA-HAN?
WELL, YEAH.
UM... SHE DOESN'T HAVE A FACE...
I TOOK HER HEAD TO THE NURSE'S ALREADY, BUT HER BODY WAS TOO HEAVY FOR ME TO CARRY...
I... SEE...
NO WAY... SECOND ONE TODAY.
A DULLAHAN ...!
A DEMI-HUMAN WHOSE HEAD IS SEPARATE FROM THEIR BODY...
COMING THROUGH !!
...FIRE? IS IT SAFE TO TOUCH?
THIS...
I'M NOT SURE. IT'S NOT HOT, BUT STILL...

KUSAKABE FROM CLASS A COLLAPSED!
WE GOTTA GET HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!
STRETCHER, COMING THROUGH!
COOL ME DOWN...
I'LL BE FINE IF YOU JUST... COOL ME DOWN...
STOMP
I'M A SNOW WOMAN...
BECAUSE I'M...
HRRRN...
YUKI KUSAKABE
CLASS 1-A
SNOW WOMAN

COME ON, SENSEI! LET'S FOLLOW THEM.
TO THE NURSE!
SURE... RIGHT.
HUP!
STOMP STOMP
...
HUH! DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD A SNOW WOMAN AROUND HERE...
HOW CAN THERE BE SO MANY OF THEM?
A THIRD ONE?!
...
?
UNUSUAL? I GUESS. BUT...NOT SURPRISING.
HMMM...
ALL THESE DEMI-HUMANS... DON'T YOU THINK IT'S KIND OF UNUSUAL?
YOU SEEM AWFULLY CALM, TAKANASHI.
I MEAN...
...AFTER ALL...

I'M...
...A DEMI-HUMAN, TOO.


SPECIFICALLY...
...A VAMPIRE!
HIKARI TAKANASHI
CLASS 1-B
VAMPIRE

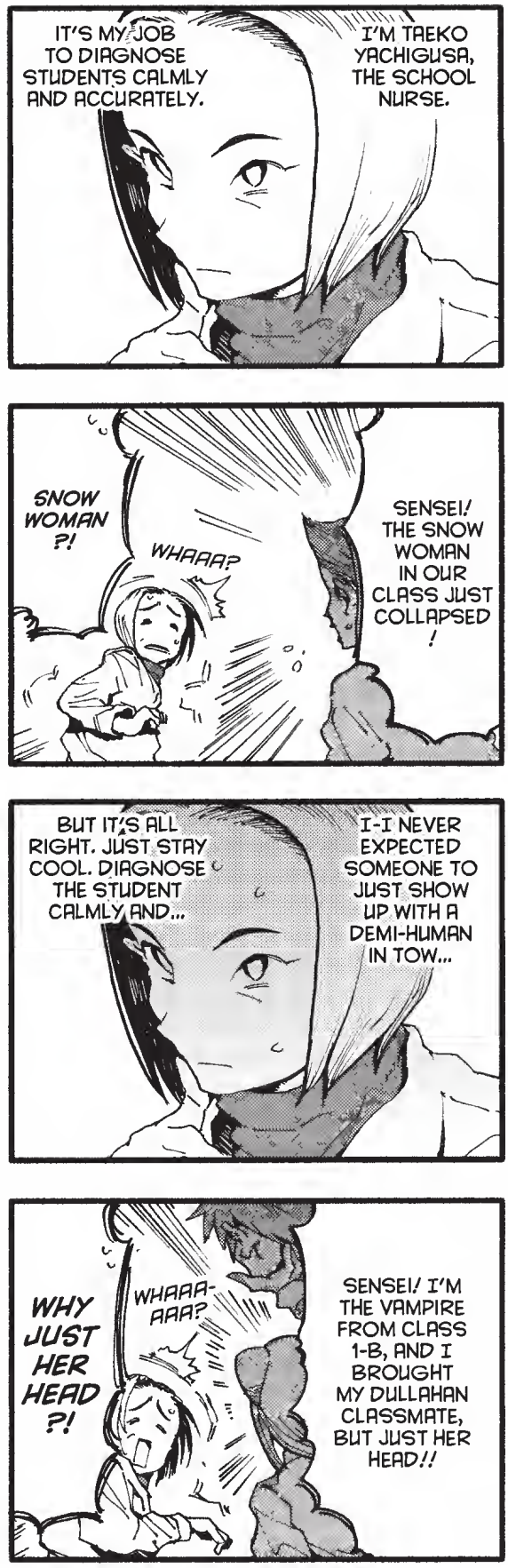
CLACK
...AND THE DULLAHAN GIRL JUST HAS A COLD.
THE NURSE SAYS THE SNOW WOMAN GOT A TOUCH OF HEAT STROKE IN GYM...
NURSE
OH, MAN...
...
WHAT'S WRONG, SENSEI?
I'M KIND OF...
...IN SHOCK.
NO-THING.
I JUST DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WERE SO MANY DEMI-HUMANS AROUND...
SEN-SEI...
...
YOU DON'T LIKE US, DO YOU?
...

HUH?
OH...
REALLY ?
HEE HEE!
I'M SORRY. I WASN'T CLEAR.
I ADORE DEMI-HUMANS.
HUH?!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT AT ALL!
HMMM...
NOT SURE I GET IT...
IT'S JUST... I'VE BEEN TRYING TO MEET A REAL DEMI-HUMAN FOR SO LONG, AND I WAS NEVER ABLE TO.
SUPER HAPPY?
YEAH, I AM.
BUT THE POINT IS, YOU'RE HAPPY YOU MET ME, RIGHT?
YES, I'M THRILLED.
SO NOW... I THOUGHT I'D BE HAPPY, BUT RIGHT NOW I'M JUST KIND OF CONFUSED.
I'M SOR-RY.
HA HA HA!
YAAAY!
BUH?

DEMI-HUMANS ARE...
!
ALL RIGHT. HOW'S THIS FOR A START?
AND I HOPE YOU'LL TEACH ME ABOUT DEMI-HUMANS, TOO.
NO PROB-LEM~!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, TAKANASHI. I HOPE I'LL SEE YOU AROUND.
SURE THING!
VWIP
RIGHT!
OKAY!
BUT IT'S TIME TO GET OVER THAT OLD WORD!
BAM
OLD ?!
SENSEI, YOU KEEP CALLING PEOPLE LIKE ME "DEMI-HUMANS."
?
RIGHT...
I'VE BEEN SAYING IT, TOO, FOR YOUR SAKE.
"DEMI-HUMAN" ISN'T CUTE ENOUGH!
C-CUTE...?
WE'RE NOT IN A TEXTBOOK, HERE!
I MEAN, I GUESS...
HIGH SCHOOLERS, KIDS LIKE ME, RIGHT?

WE SAY...
...DEMIS!

WOW...!
I WANT TO INTERVIEW...
"DEMIS"...
...THE DEMIS.
...
I'M TETSUO TAKAHASHI...
...AND I WANT TO TALK TO THEM.


IT'S MY JOB TO DIAGNOSE STUDENTS CALMLY AND ACCURATELY.
I'M TAEKO YACHIGUSA, THE SCHOOL NURSE.
SNOW WOMAN ?!
WHAAA?
SENSEI! THE SNOW WOMAN IN OUR CLASS JUST COLLAPSED !
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT. JUST STAY COOL. DIAGNOSE THE STUDENT CALMLY AND...
I-I NEVER EXPECTED SOMEONE TO JUST SHOW UP WITH A DEMI-HUMAN IN TOW...
WHY JUST HER HEAD ?!
WHAAA-AAA?
SENSEI! I'M THE VAMPIRE FROM CLASS 1-B, AND I BROUGHT MY DULLAHAN CLASSMATE, BUT JUST HER HEAD!!

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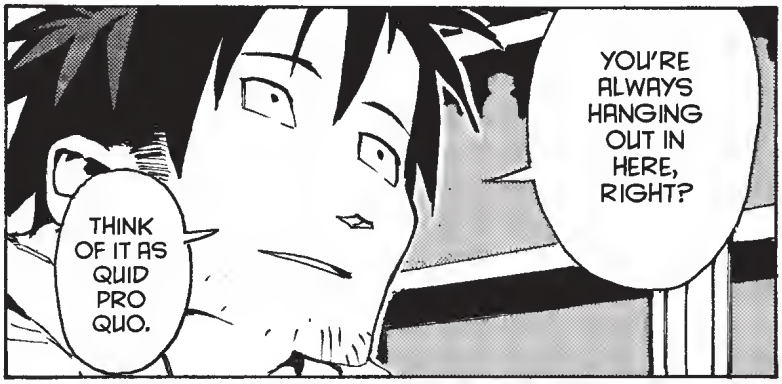
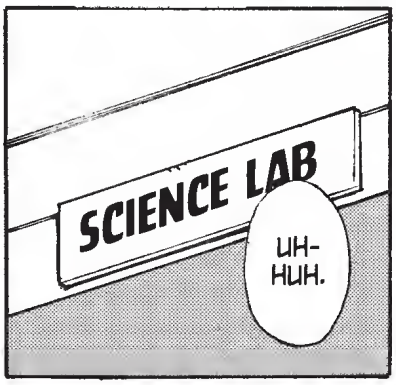
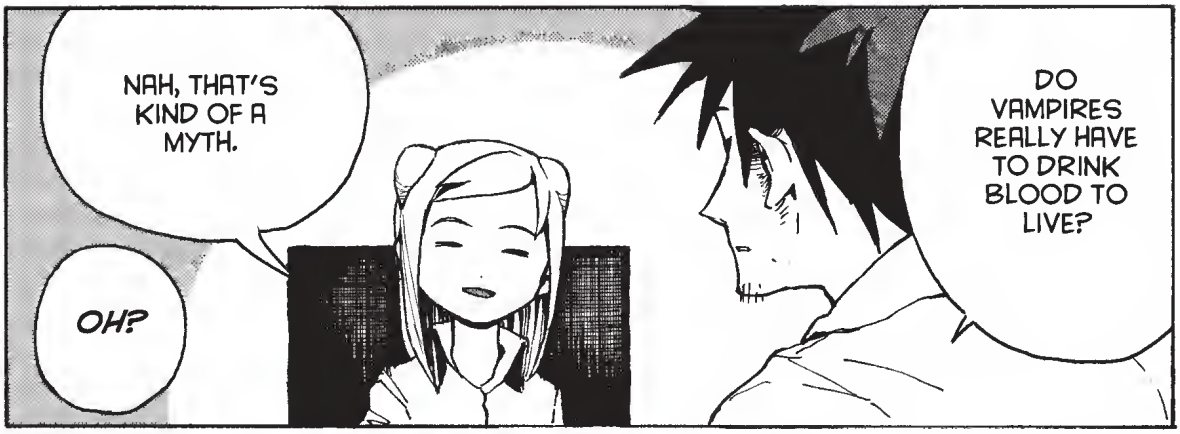


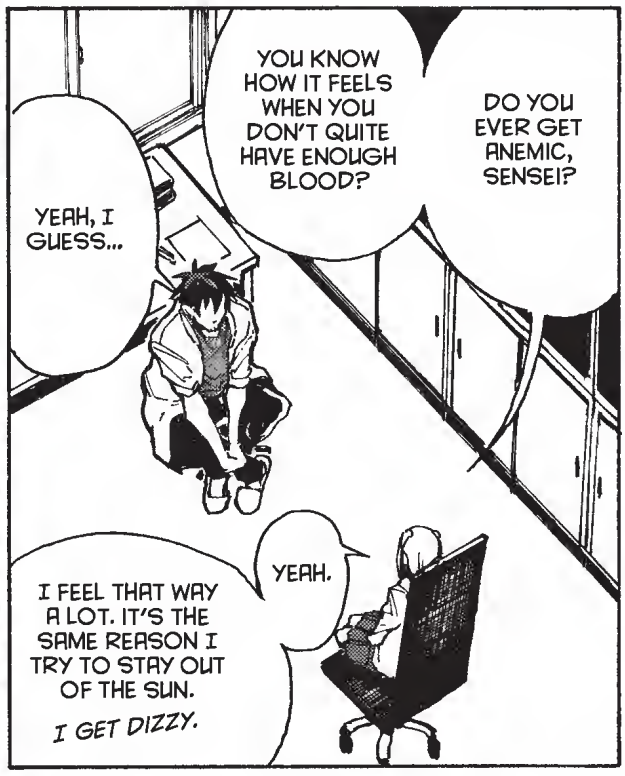


COME ON, JUST A BIT? I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM A REAL VAMPIRE.
YEAH, THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS IN HERE THAT DON'T TAKE SUNLIGHT WELL.
HEY, THE SUN'S REALLY BRIGHT IN OUR CLASS-ROOM!
WELL... FINE... MAYBE IT'LL BE FUN.
AND I'D HATE TO MAKE EVERYONE ELSE SIT IN SOME DARK CORNER WITH ME...

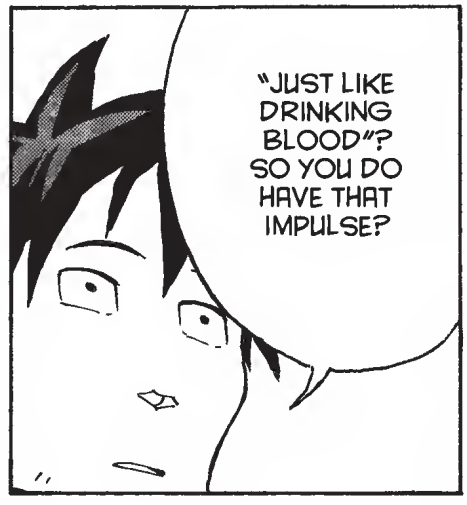
Chapter 2: A Vampire, a Girl

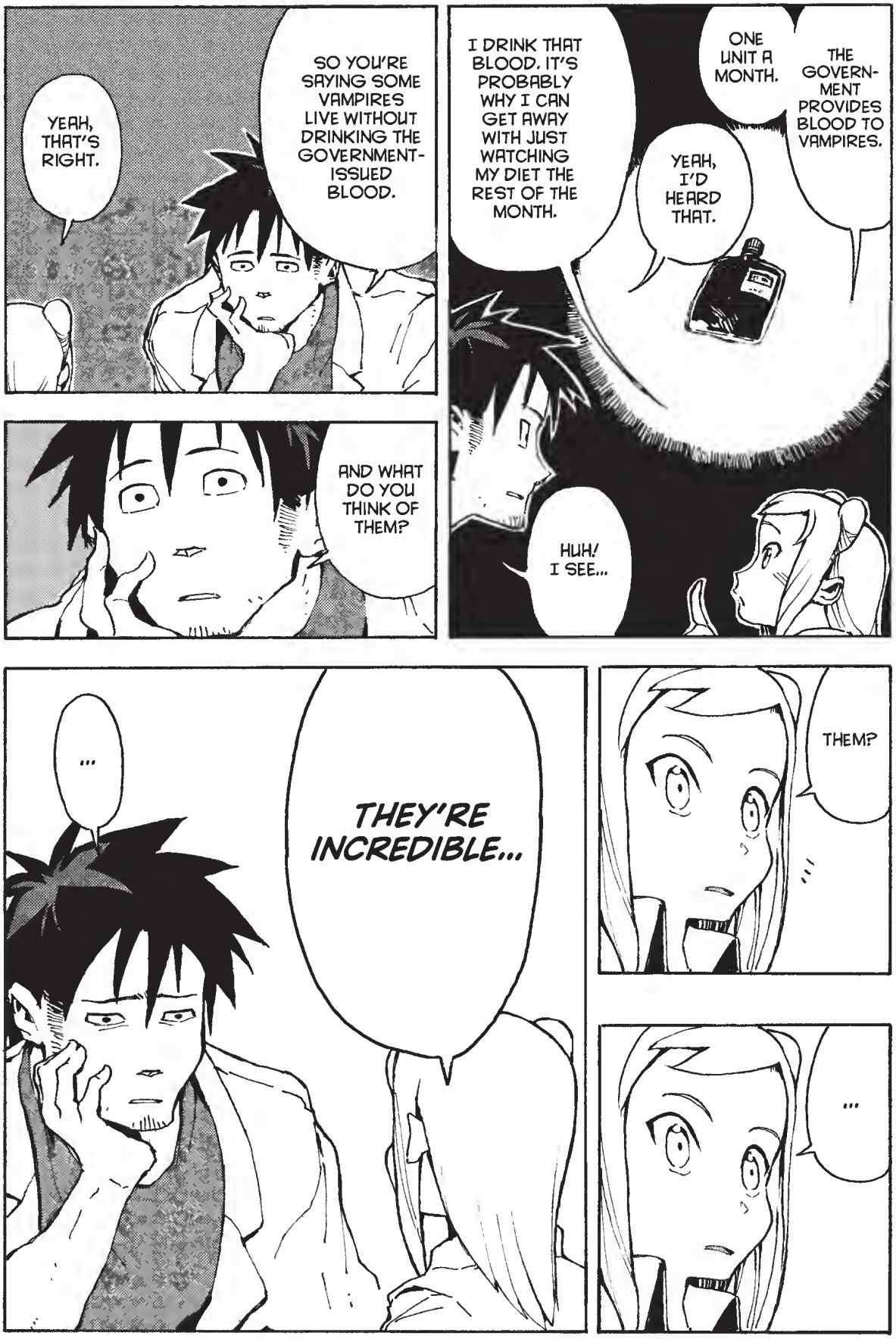

NAH, THAT'S KIND OF A MYTH.
OH?
DO VAMPIRES REALLY HAVE TO DRINK BLOOD TO LIVE?

BUT IF YOU'RE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT, THEN YOU CAN MANAGE IT!
LIVER'S THE BEST!
LIVER ...
IT'S JUST LIKE DRINKING BLOOD...
AND TOMATO JUICE!

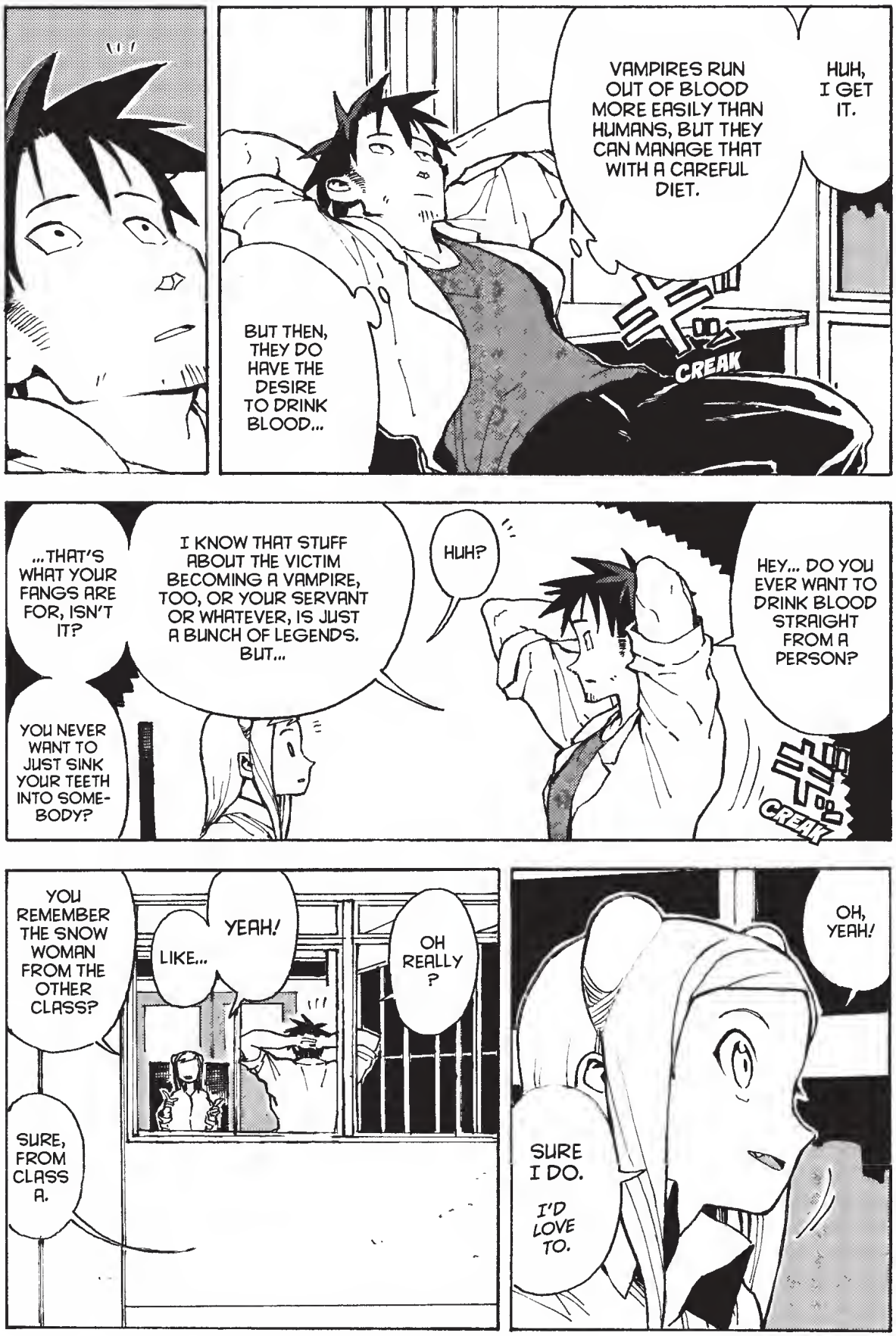

YOU KNOW HOW IT FEELS WHEN YOU DON'T QUITE HAVE ENOUGH BLOOD?
DO YOU EVER GET ANEMIC, SENSEI?
YEAH, I GUESS...
I FEEL THAT WAY A LOT. IT'S THE SAME REASON I TRY TO STAY OUT OF THE SUN.
I GET DIZZY.
YEAH.

YEAH.
I MEAN... I GUESS.
ER...


"JUST LIKE DRINKING BLOOD"? SO YOU DO HAVE THAT IMPULSE?


SO YOU'RE SAYING SOME VAMPIRES LIVE WITHOUT DRINKING THE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED BLOOD.
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
THE GOVERN-MENT PROVIDES BLOOD TO VAMPIRES.
ONE UNIT A MONTH.
I DRINK THAT BLOOD. IT'S PROBABLY WHY I CAN GET AWAY WITH JUST WATCHING MY DIET THE REST OF THE MONTH.
YEAH, I'D HEARD THAT.
HUH/ I SEE...
AND WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEM?
THEM?
...
THEY'RE INCREDIBLE...
...

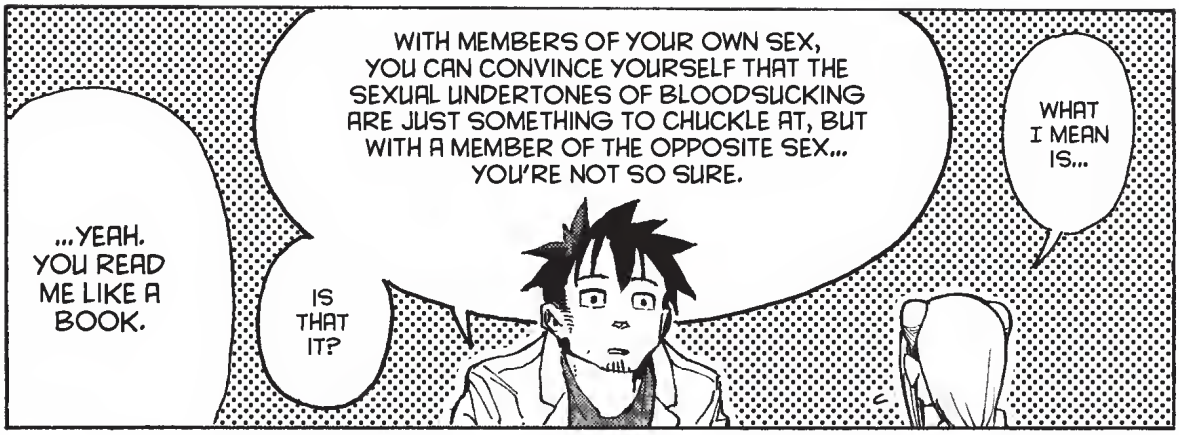
...
UMMM...
...
SENSEI, WAIT!
GIVE ME CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!
WELP. I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
SURE...
?
YOU KNOW HOW SOME PEOPLE ARE...
...
VEGE-TAR-IANS?
THAT'S IT!
RIGHT!!
THAT'S WHAT I MEAN!
THEY'RE INCREDIBLE...
IT'S THAT FEELING!
SO AMAZING + THAT'S THEM, NOT ME + DON'T WANNA GET INVOLVED
WOW. THAT... MAKES PERFECT SENSE, ACTUALLY.
PEOPLE WHO SURVIVE WITHOUT EVER EATING MEAT.
WHAT DO YOU... THINK OF THEM?
THEM?
...


BUT THEN, THEY DO HAVE THE DESIRE TO DRINK BLOOD...
VAMPIRES RUN OUT OF BLOOD MORE EASILY THAN HUMANS, BUT THEY CAN MANAGE THAT WITH A CAREFUL DIET.
HUH, I GET IT.
CREAK
...THAT'S WHAT YOUR FANGS ARE FOR, ISN'T IT?
I KNOW THAT STUFF ABOUT THE VICTIM BECOMING A VAMPIRE, TOO, OR YOUR SERVANT OR WHATEVER, IS JUST A BUNCH OF LEGENDS. BUT...
HUH?
HEY... DO YOU EVER WANT TO DRINK BLOOD STRAIGHT FROM A PERSON?
YOU NEVER WANT TO JUST SINK YOUR TEETH INTO SOMEBODY?
CREAK
YOU REMEMBER THE SNOW WOMAN FROM THE OTHER CLASS?
YEAH! LIKE...
OH REALLY ?
SURE, FROM CLASS A.
OH, YEAH!
SURE I DO. I'D LOVE TO.

SO I'M ALWAYS GIVING HER HUGS OR HANGING ON TO HER OR WHATEVER.
SHE'S COLD TO THE TOUCH. SNOW WOMAN, RIGHT?
AND I'M NOT GOOD WITH HEAT.
...
WOW...
BUT SHE'D TOTALLY HATE ME, SO I'VE NEVER DONE IT.
OR, I'D LOVE TO SEE THE ANGER... THE PAIN... WHEN I DIG MY FANGS INTO HER.
OR, WARM BLOOD AND COLD SKIN... THAT'D BE A GREAT COMBO.
AND I'LL THINK, I BET HER BLOOD ISN'T AS COLD AS HER SKIN.
AND SOMETIMES...
...I GET A GLIMPSE OF HER NECK.

KINDA MAKES YOU SOUND LIKE A PERV.
SHE'S REALLY GOT NO IDEA.
DOES SHE SEE IT AS JUST LIGHT-HEARTED?
YEAH.
WELL...
Y-YOU THINK SO?
DOES IT?
NO...
THAT'S NOT IT.
SO GIRL BLOOD JUST TASTES BETTER?
HUH.
NUH-UH.
DO YOU EVER WANT TO DRINK BLOOD FROM A GUY?

I'M...
...PRETTY SURE...
...IT'S BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE...!
UHHHH...
...HUH.


WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR OWN SEX, YOU CAN CONVINCE YOURSELF THAT THE SEXUAL UNDERTONES OF BLOODSUCKING ARE JUST SOMETHING TO CHUCKLE AT, BUT WITH A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX... YOU'RE NOT SO SURE.
WHAT I MEAN IS...
IS THAT IT?
...YEAH. YOU READ ME LIKE A BOOK.

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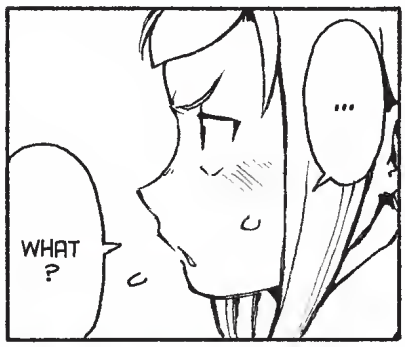
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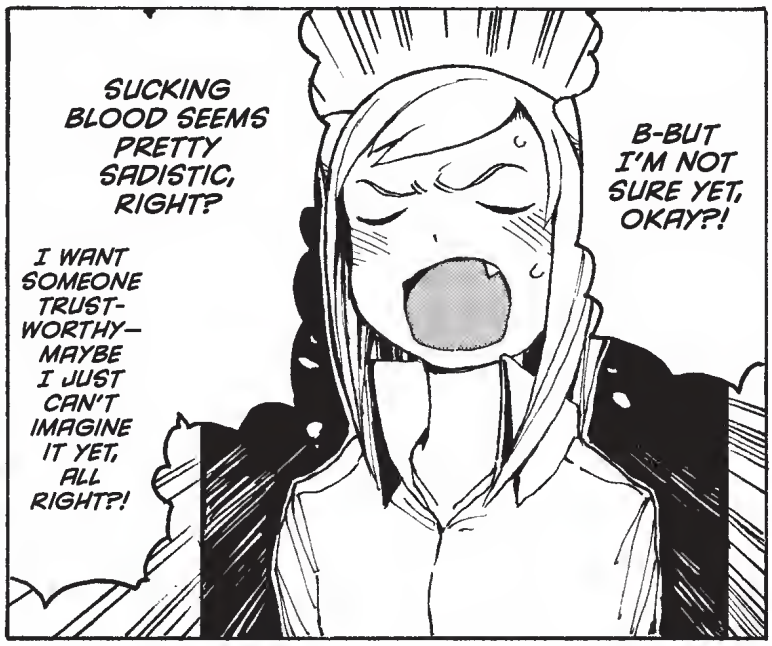
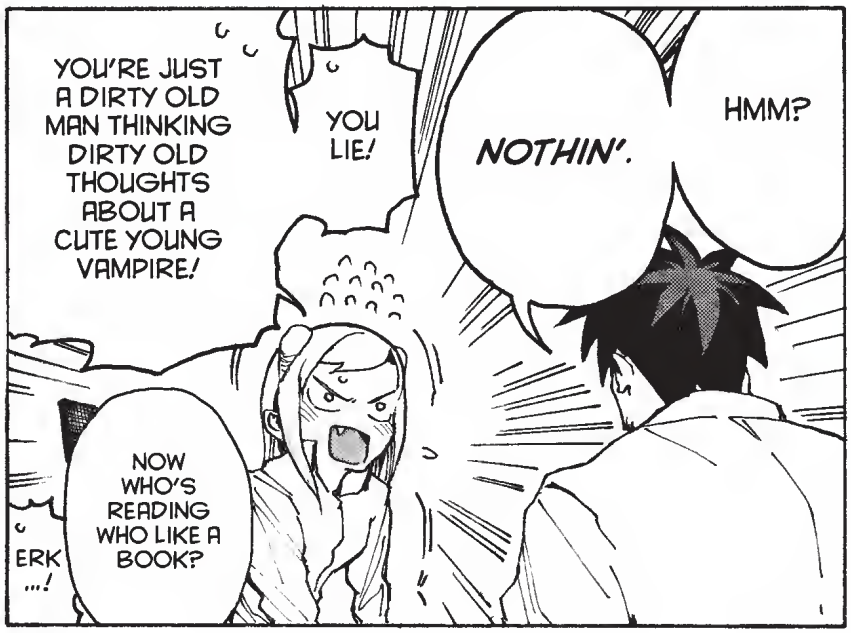
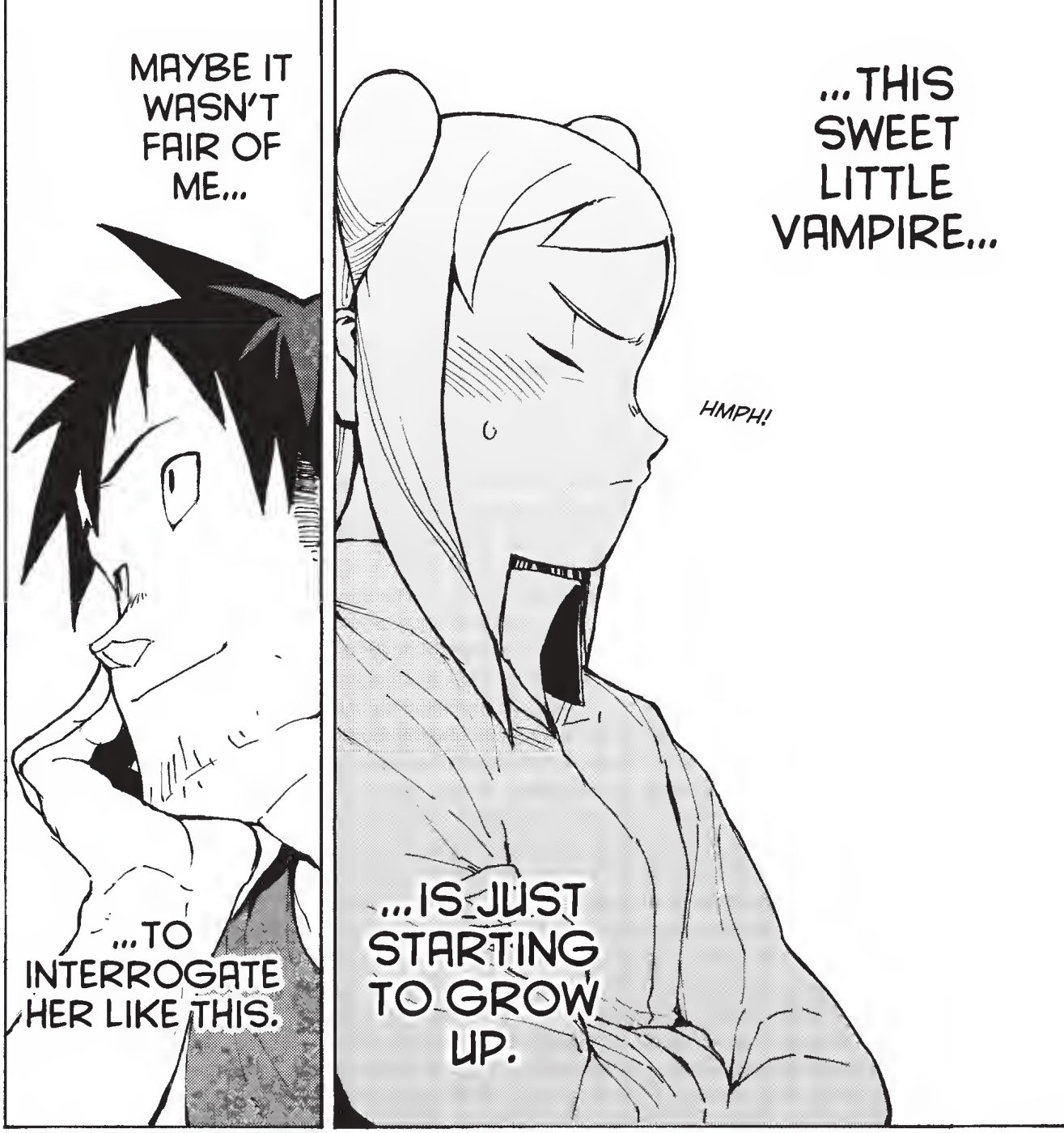
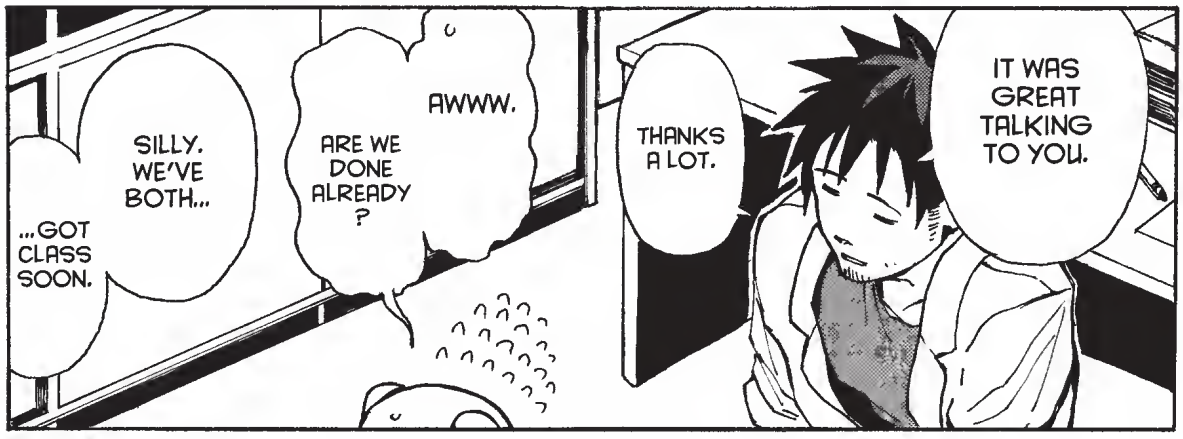

SUCKING BLOOD SEEMS PRETTY SADISTIC, RIGHT?
I WANT SOMEONE TRUST-WORTHY— MAYBE I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE IT YET, ALL RIGHT?!
B-BUT I'M NOT SURE YET, OKAY?!

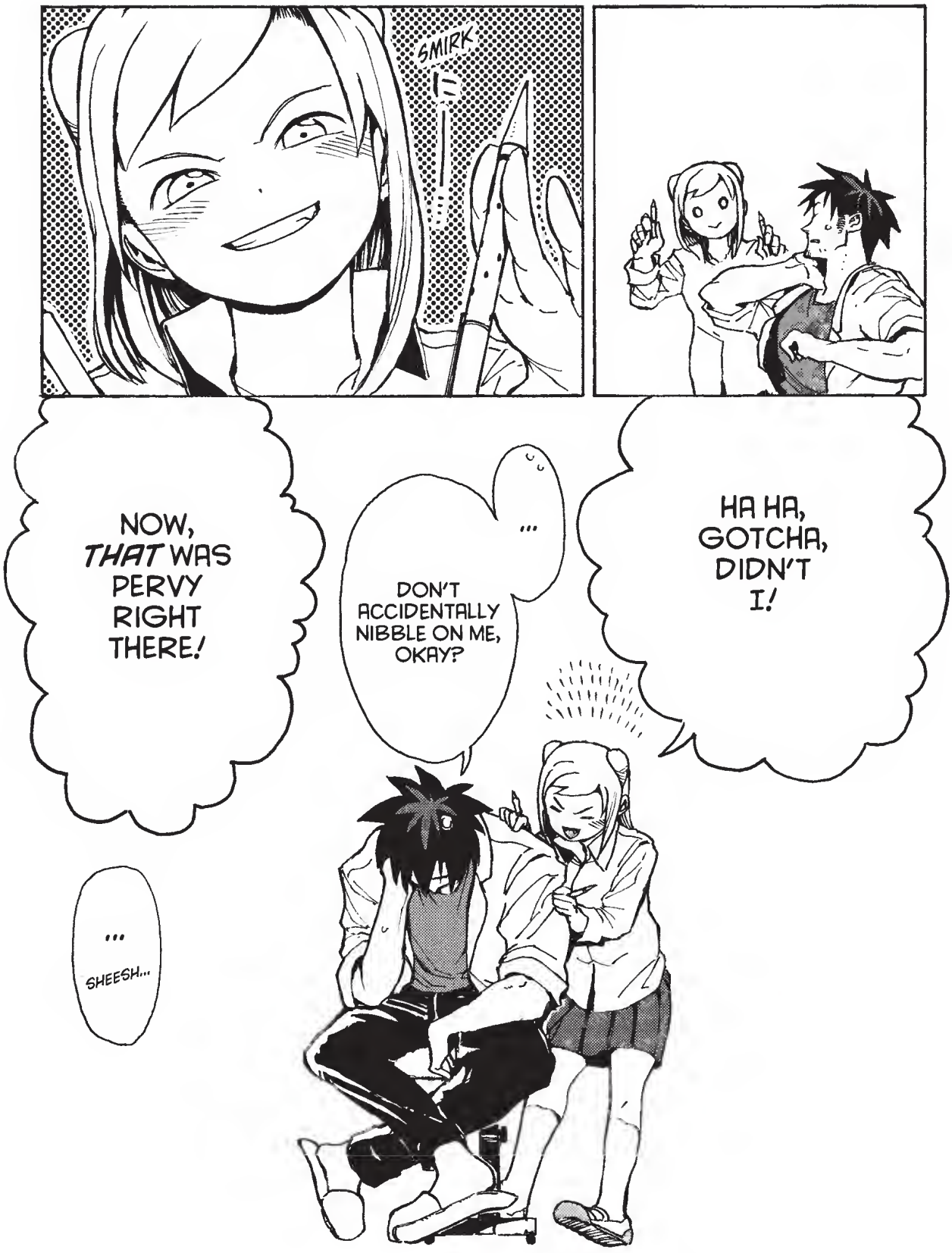
HEH HEH HEH!
I SHOULDN'T FORGET...!

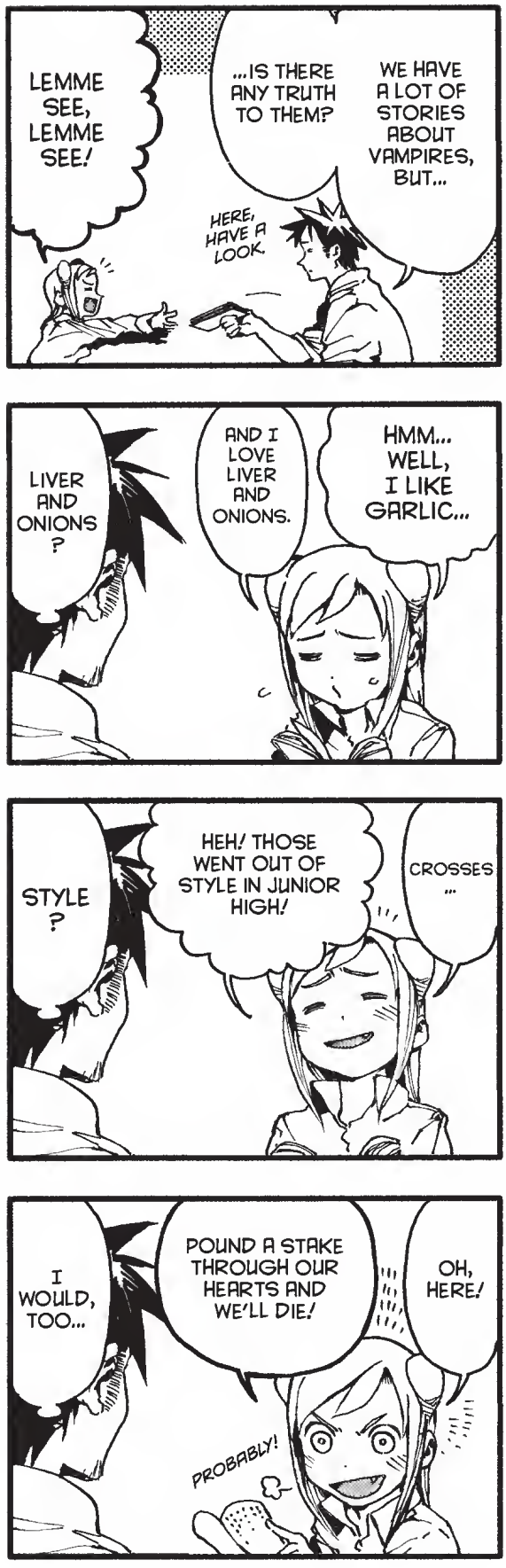

YOU'RE JUST A DIRTY OLD MAN THINKING DIRTY OLD THOUGHTS ABOUT A CUTE YOUNG VAMPIRE!
YOU LIE!
HMM?
NOTHIN'.
NOW WHO'S READING WHO LIKE A BOOK?
ERK ...!


MAYBE IT WASN'T FAIR OF ME...
...TO INTERROGATE HER LIKE THIS.
...THIS SWEET LITTLE VAMPIRE...
HMPH!
...IS JUST STARTING TO GROW UP.


...GOT CLASS SOON.
SILLY. WE'VE BOTH...
ARE WE DONE ALREADY ?
AWWW.
THANKS A LOT.
IT WAS GREAT TALKING TO YOU.

SURE ...
PFT.
DANG-DONG
OFF TO CLASS WITH YOU!
WHOOPS, THERE'S THE BELL!
DING-DONG
FU...
POKE!


SMIRK
HA HA, GOTCHA, DIDN'T I!
...
DON'T ACCIDENTALLY NIBBLE ON ME, OKAY?
NOW, THAT WAS PERVY RIGHT THERE!
...
SHEESH...


LEMME SEE, LEMME SEE!
...IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO THEM?
WE HAVE A LOT OF STORIES ABOUT VAMPIRES, BUT...
HERE, HAVE A LOOK.
LIVER AND ONIONS?
AND I LOVE LIVER AND ONIONS.
HMM... WELL, I LIKE GARLIC...
STYLE?
HEH! THOSE WENT OUT OF STYLE IN JUNIOR HIGH!
CROSSES...
I WOULD, TOO...
POUND A STAKE THROUGH OUR HEARTS AND WE'LL DIE!
OH, HERE!
PROBABLY!

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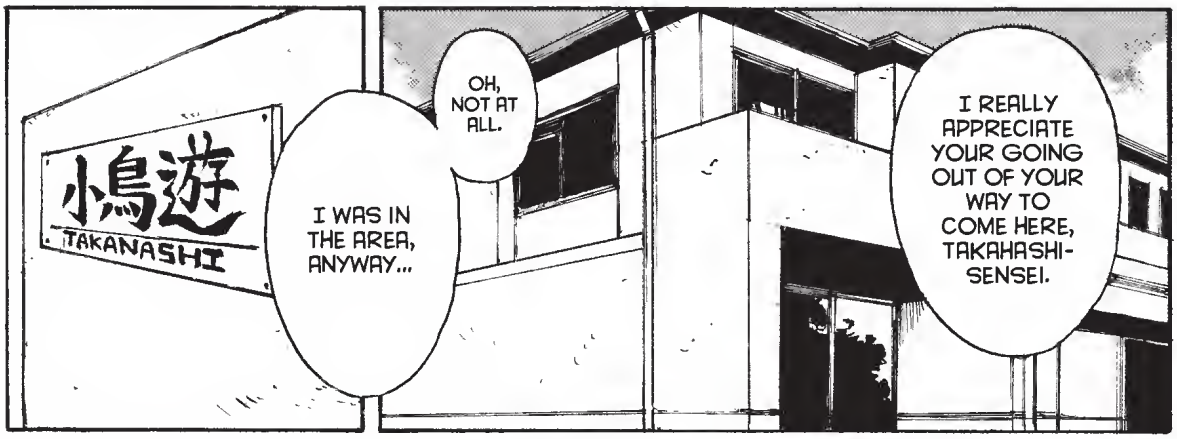
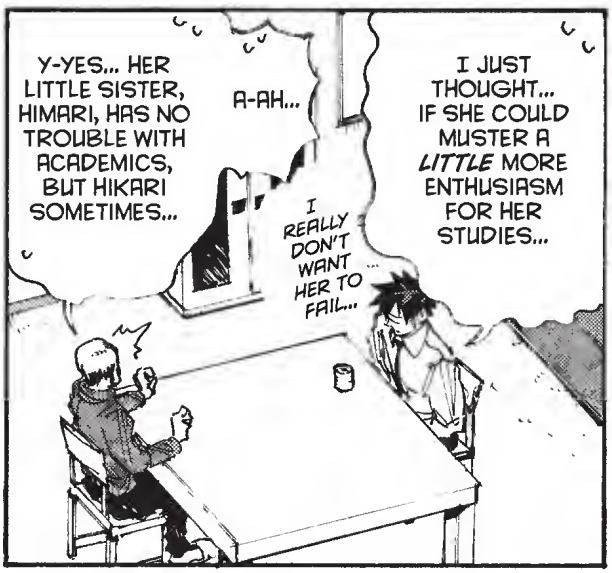
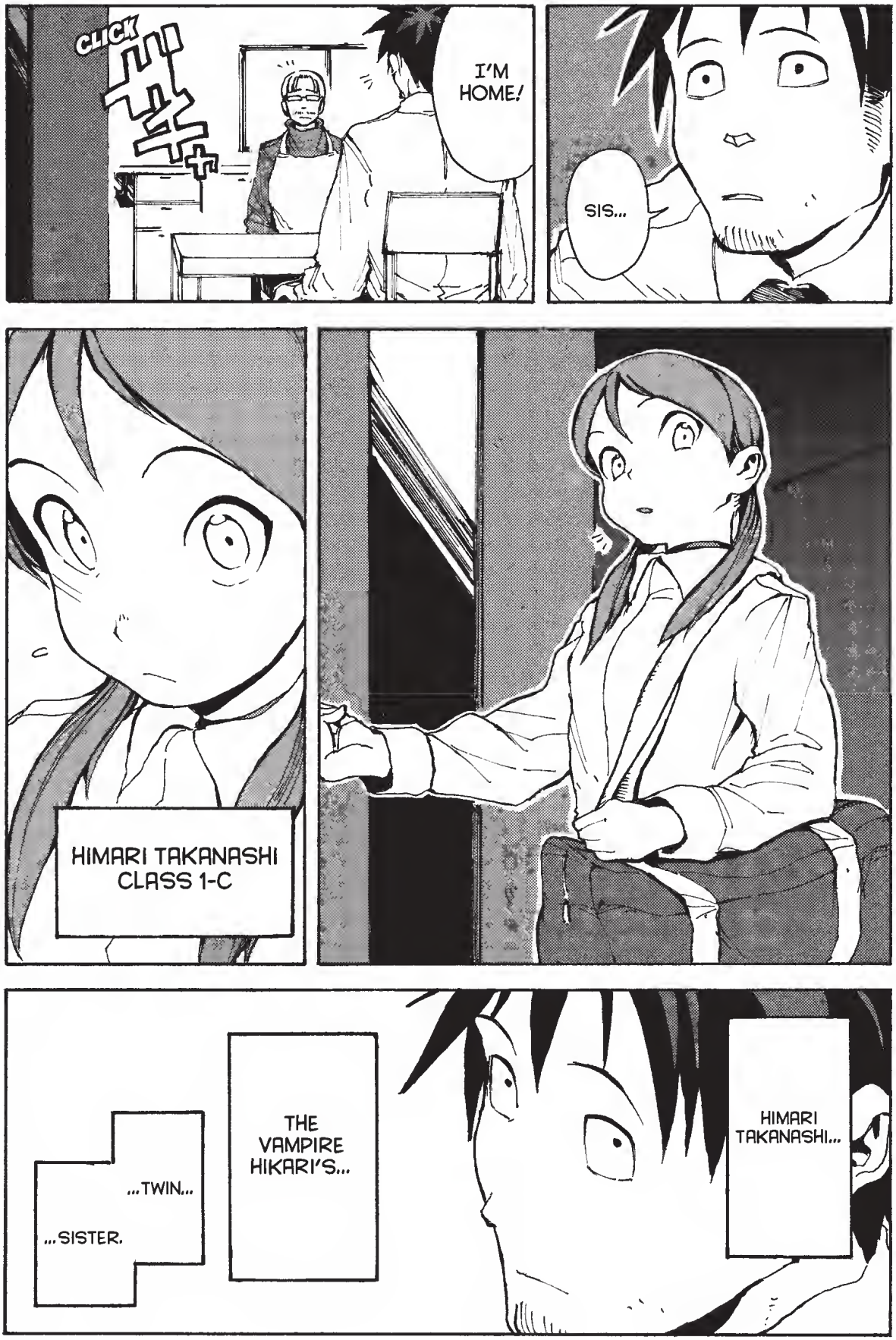

小鳥遊
TAKANASHI
I WAS IN THE AREA, ANYWAY...
OH, NOT AT ALL.
I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME HERE, TAKAHASHI-SENSEI.

I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL THAT HIKARI HAS A TEACHER WHO RESPECTS DEMIS.
KOJI TAKANASHI
STAY-AT-HOME DAD
BUT SHE'S NOT THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH OUR HOME IS DIFFERENT. MY WIFE IS THE BREADWINNER IN THIS FAMILY, YOU SEE.
I KNOW OUR HIKARI IS...A LITTLE UNUSUAL.

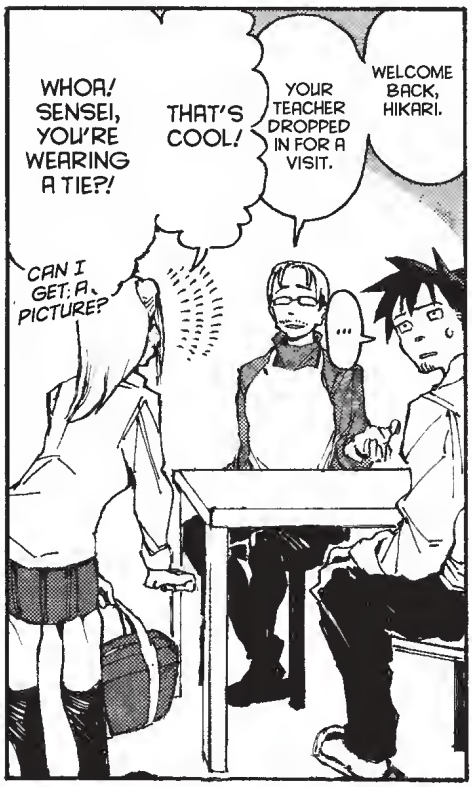

Y-YES... HER LITTLE SISTER, HIMARI, HAS NO TROUBLE WITH ACADEMICS, BUT HIKARI SOMETIMES...
A-AH...
I REALLY DON'T WANT HER TO FAIL...
I JUST THOUGHT... IF SHE COULD MUSTER A *LITTLE* MORE ENTHUSIASM FOR HER STUDIES...

I REALLY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING SPECIAL.
HIKARI-SAN SEEMS VERY SELF-ASSURED, AND I KNOW IT MUST BE BECAUSE SHE HAS PARENTS WHO CARE ABOUT HER.


CLICK
I'M HOME!
SIS...
HIMARI TAKANASHI
CLASS 1-C
HIMARI TAKANASHI...
THE VAMPIRE HIKARI'S...
...TWIN...
...SISTER.

SO IT'S NOT THAT SURPRISING THAT ONLY ONE OF A PAIR OF TWIN SISTERS WOULD BE A DEMI.
THE EMERGENCE OF A DEMI TYPICALLY ISN'T GENETIC. IT'S A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED CHANGE.
SHE'S NOT A DEMI.
THIS IS TAKAHASHI-SENSEI, WHO'S BEEN SUCH A HELP TO HIKARI.
WELCOME BACK, HIMARI.
HULLO.
I'M HIMARI TAKANASHI, HIKARI'S YOUNGER SISTER.
THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND TO MY SISTER.
S-SURE.
WHAT I DON'T KNOW IS...
...WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE FOR THEM. DO THEY GET ALONG?
ARE THEY JUST LIKE HUMAN SISTERS?
WOW. SHE'S GOT HER HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS.
I'LL BET SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH HER HOMEWORK.
BUT!
I KNOW HOW HIKARI CAN BE.
SHE NEEDS A FIRM HAND, SO DON'T GO EASY ON HER!
RIGHT...
SHE'S IN YOUR HANDS NOW!

BAM!
I'M HOOOOME!
RIGHT ON CUE.
UNLIKE SOMEONE I KNOW...


WELCOME BACK, HIKARI.
YOUR TEACHER DROPPED IN FOR A VISIT.
THAT'S COOL!
WHOA! SENSEI, YOU'RE WEARING A TIE?!
CAN I GET A PICTURE?
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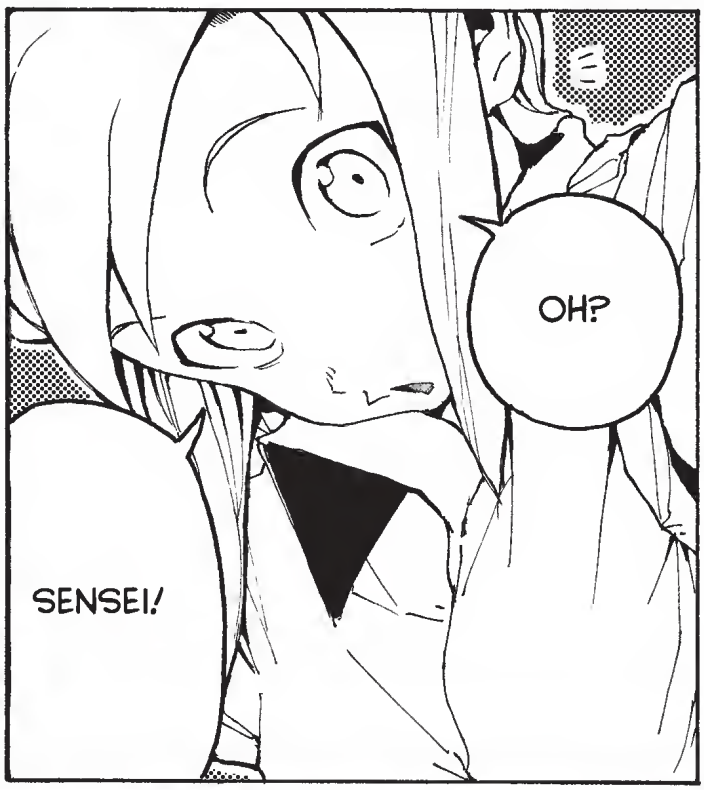
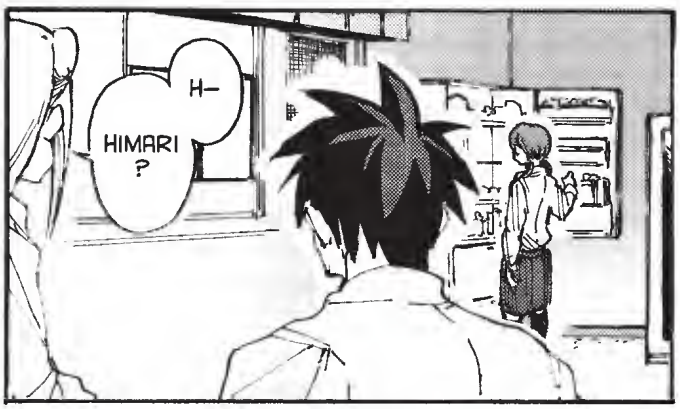

OH?
SENSEI!


H—
HIMARI ?

HEY, BIG SIS!

WHOOPS ...
YOU LEFT YOUR BLOOD IN OUR FRIDGE AGAIN!
KEEP IT IN YOUR OWN FRIDGE !!
I KINDA FIGURED NO ONE WOULD WANT TO SEE MY BLOOD BAGS LYING AROUND.
UH-HUH...
YOU HAVE YOUR OWN REFRIGERATOR?
SO I ASKED FOR IT.
AND DON'T GIVE ME ONE OF YOUR LAME EXCUSES LIKE IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO GO ALL THE WAY UPSTAIRS OR SOMETHING!
...
THE POINT IS, YOU ASKED FOR THAT FRIDGE, SO NOW YOU SHOULD USE IT THE WAY WE ALL AGREED!
S-SO...
PERSONALLY, I DON'T EVEN CARE! I'M USED TO YOUR DUMB BLOOD!
ERK...
OUCH... THAT SWEET TONE OF VOICE MAKES IT TEN TIMES WORSE...
...BUT SURELY YOU CAN FOLLOW RULES YOU MADE UP YOURSELF.
IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO OBEY AUTHORITY BLINDLY...
SEE HOW COLD SHE IS, SENSEI?! SAY SOMETHING!

SHE USES IT TO HIDE DESSERTS SHE WANTS TO EAT...
SNEAK...
...
SHE STICKS HER FEET IN IT TO KEEP COOL WHILE SHE READS MANGA...
AHH...
...
SENSEI! SIS THINKS THAT JUST BECAUSE SHE'S GOT HER OWN REFRIGERATOR SHE CAN DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS!
EEP...
SHOVE
AND WHEN SHE'S UPSET, SHE GOES TO SLEEP WITH HER HEAD IN THE FRIDGE AND CATCHES A COLD!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?!
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL HIM EVERY-THING!
ACHOO!
HAH! LOOK AT THE BLOOD DRAIN FROM HER FACE!
REMEMBER ALL THOSE FISTFIGHTS WE HAD WHEN WE WERE LITTLE?
OR WHAT, SIS?
HIMARI... YOU BETTER QUIT IT...
WELL, I CAN FEEL THE BLOOD-LUST, AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT BITING SOME-BODY!
...
...

SMIRK
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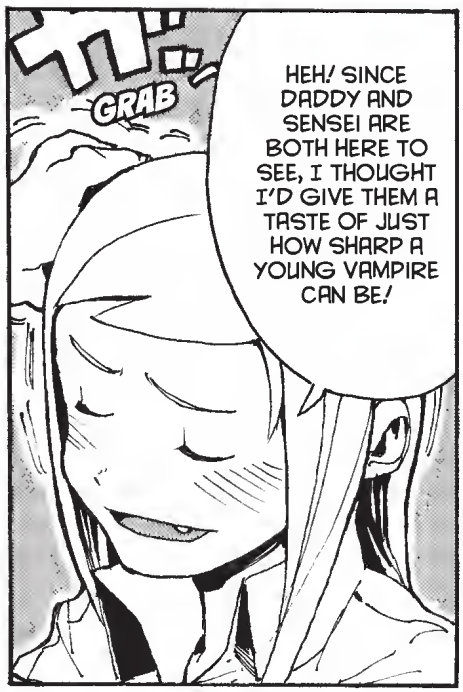
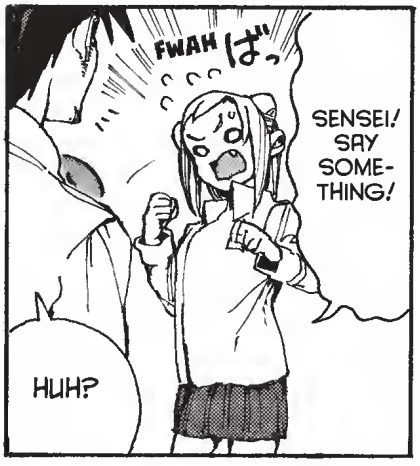
...
HEY...
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE "BLOOD" WORDS?
IT'S GONNA BE A BLOOD-BATH!

LIKE THIS HAIR! IT STANDS OUT, SURE, BUT IT TAKES FOREVER TO DO!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
THAT'S THE PROBLEM, SIS! YOU'RE ALWAYS SO WORRIED ABOUT LOOKING GOOD FOR PEOPLE!
EEE-YOW-OWOW-OW!


GRAB
HEH! SINCE DADDY AND SENSEI ARE BOTH HERE TO SEE, I THOUGHT I'D GIVE THEM A TASTE OF JUST HOW SHARP A YOUNG VAMPIRE CAN BE!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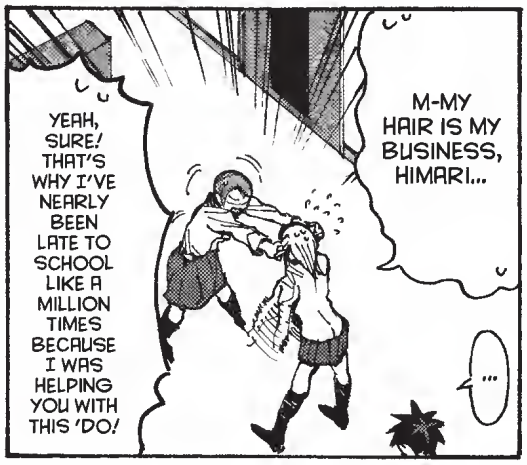
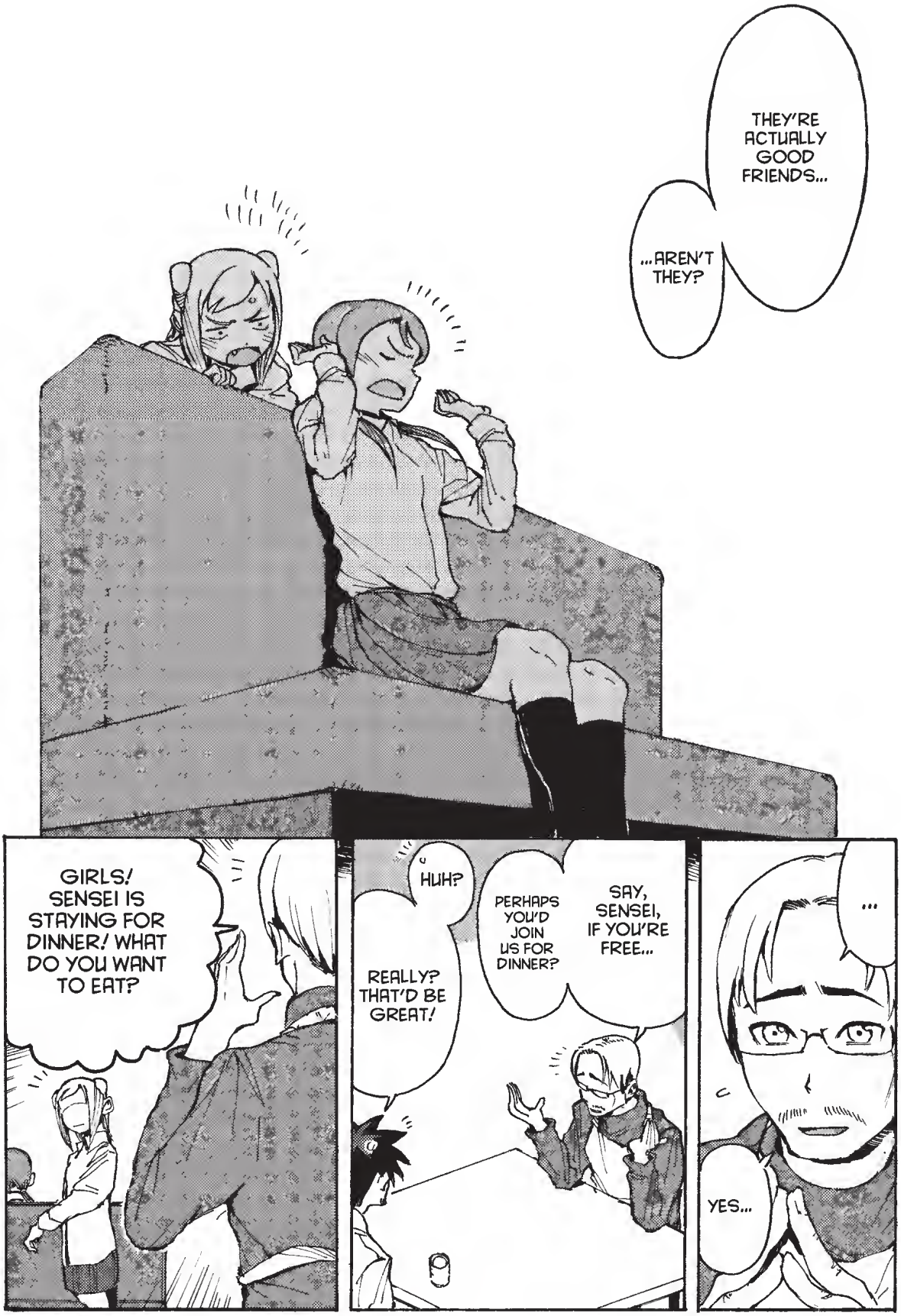
SENSEI! SAY SOME-THING!
HUH?

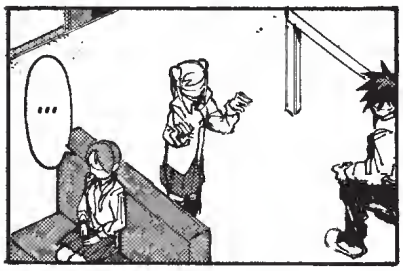
AW-WW...


YEAH, SURE! THAT'S WHY I'VE NEARLY BEEN LATE TO SCHOOL LIKE A MILLION TIMES BECAUSE I WAS HELPING YOU WITH THIS 'DO!
M-MY HAIR IS MY BUSINESS, HIMARI...
...

I THINK YOUR HAIR'S CUTE.
BLUSH

...
...
HRGH...
AGH...
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
...
...
DID I HIDE IT?
YOU MEAN YOUR FACE TURNING BEET RED?
I SEE THAT...
ARE THEY ALWAYS THIS WAY?
YES. THOSE TWO, WELL...
...THEY'RE VERY SPIRITED.
SORRY...


THEY'RE ACTUALLY GOOD FRIENDS...
...AREN'T THEY?
GIRLS! SENSEI IS STAYING FOR DINNER! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?
HUH?
REALLY? THAT'D BE GREAT!
PERHAPS YOU'D JOIN US FOR DINNER?
SAY, SENSEI, IF YOU'RE FREE...
...
YES...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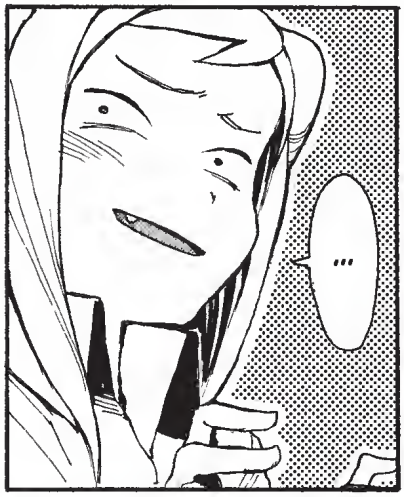
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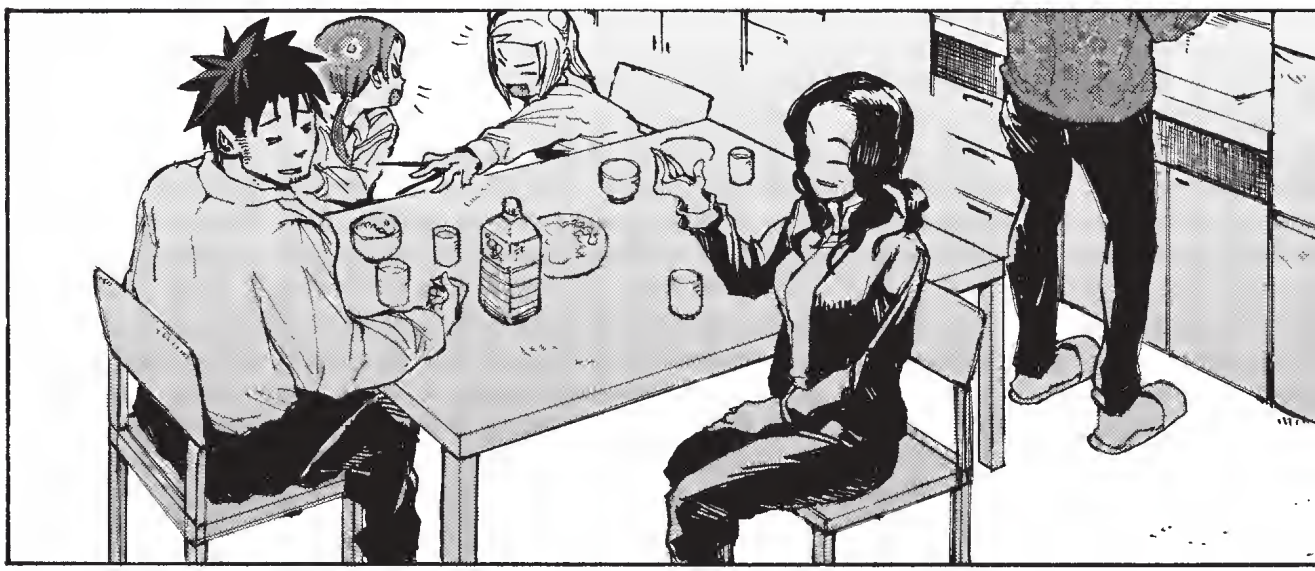
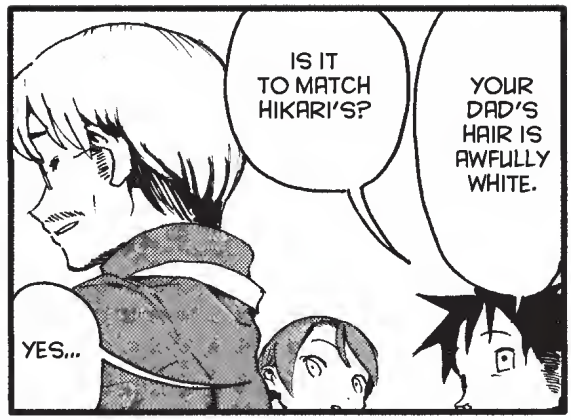
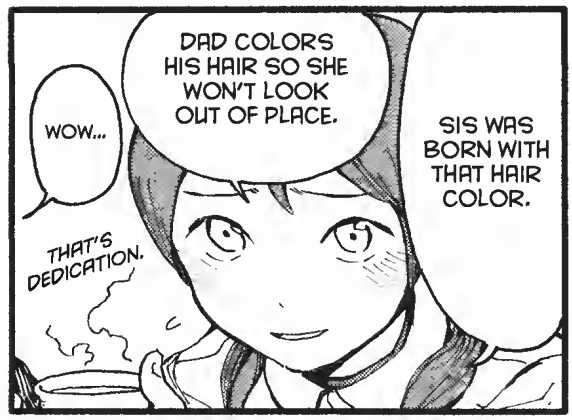
LIVER AND ONIONS!
LIVER AND ON...

I GET WHY A VAMPIRE WOULD LIKE LIVER AND ONIONS, BUT WHY...?
GOOD QUESTION!
MAYBE HIMARI'S FEELING ANEMIC FROM ALL THAT ANGER?
YOU SHOULD SAY SOME-THING TO HER, SENSEI!
...

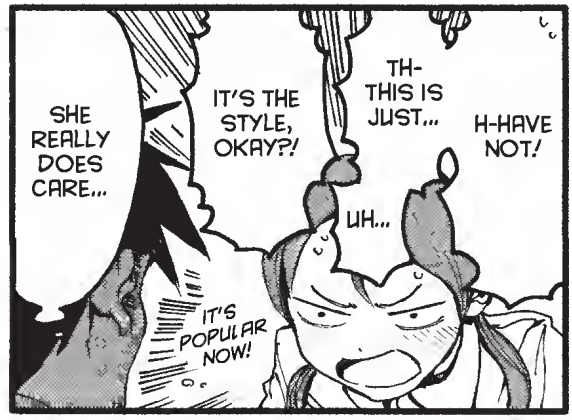
HA HA HA HA HA!
BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER!
...




IS IT TO MATCH HIKARI'S?
YOUR DAD'S HAIR IS AWFULLY WHITE.
YES...


DAD COLORS HIS HAIR SO SHE WON'T LOOK OUT OF PLACE.
WOW...
SIS WAS BORN WITH THAT HAIR COLOR.
THAT'S DEDICATION.

GUH!
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE LIGHTENED YOUR HAIR JUST A BIT, TOO, HIMARI...


SHE REALLY DOES CARE...
IT'S THE STYLE, OKAY?!
TH-THIS IS JUST...
H-HAVE NOT!
UH...
IT'S POPULAR NOW!

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SENSEI, UM...
I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME THE OTHER DAY.
STAAARE
ジィィィ
SCIENCE LAB
LOOOOK
スススッ
YOU OVER YOUR COLD NOW?
IT'S NO PROBLEM.
SURE.
OH...
!
OH!
SORRY.
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URK
...
SENSEI...?
I'M JUST...
YES, THANK-FULLY!
I'M FINE NOW!
STAAARE
ジィィィ
THAT'S GREAT...
...

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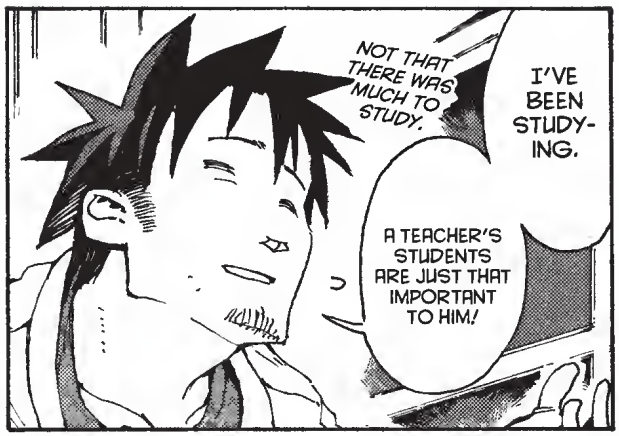
FOOOOOO
...NOT QUITE USED TO THIS SORT OF THING.
NOT SURE WHERE TO LOOK...
?
KYOKO MACHI
DULLAHAN
A DEMI WHOSE HEAD IS NOT ATTACHED TO HER BODY. HAILS FROM THE FAERIE STORIES OF IRELAND.

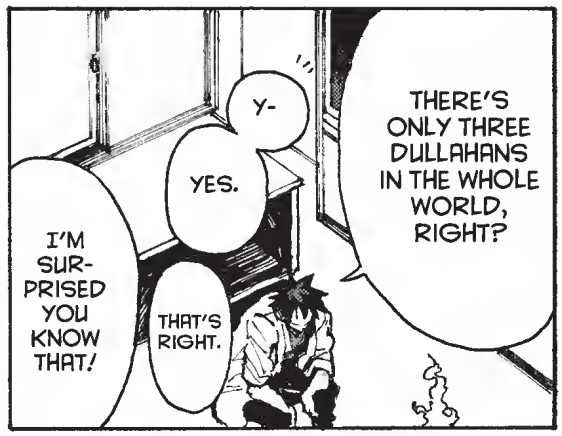
HEAD
SAY...
SPEAKING OF THE OTHER DAY...
BODY
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH YOUR HEAD AND BODY THAT FAR APART?
NOPE! IT'S MY BODY! CHECK THIS OUT!
YIKES... THAT'S SOMEHOW VERY UN-NERVING...
THAT BODY... IT'S NOT A SEPARATE PERSON, IS IT?
VWIP
VWIP
VWIP
RUUU-UMBLE
SEE, MY MOM'S FAMILY LIVES IN OKAYAMA, AND I GO TO VISIT THEM EVERY YEAR.
ONCE WE TOOK SO LONG SAYING OUR GOODBYES THAT THE TRAIN LEFT WITH JUST MY BODY ON IT.
I SEE...
SEEMS LIKE COMMON SENSE, BUT...
HMM...
LIVING IN TWO PIECES CAN'T BE VERY CON-VENIENT.
YEAH, IT'S FINE.
ONE TIME, MY BODY WAS IN TOKYO AND MY HEAD WAS IN OKAYAMA!
OKA-YAMA?!
THAT'S FAR!
WHY ON EARTH...?

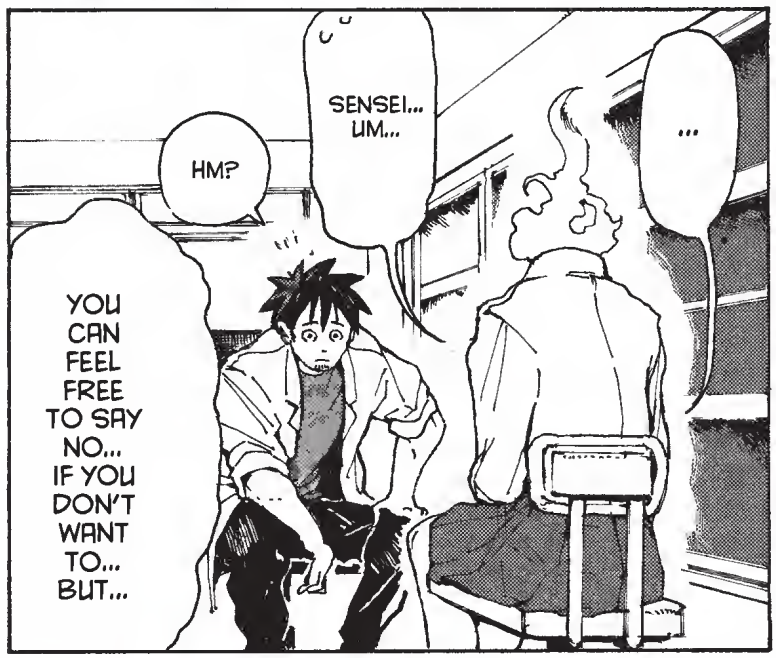
MY FAMILY AND I MEET THOSE CHALLENGES BY TRIAL AND ERROR! MOSTLY ERROR!
ALL IT TAKES IS EXPERIENCE AND IMAGINATION!
OH YEAH?
A HARNESS LIKE THIS...
...IS VERY CONVENIENT.
TAKE MEAL TIMES, FOR EXAMPLE.
...HOW ABOUT THIS?
OR WHEN YOU'RE IN THE BATH OR ON THE TOILET...
I ALWAYS HAVE ONE ON HAND.
PROBLEM SOLVED!
I SEE. FASCINATING.
DEVICES LIKE THAT MEAN I CAN DO MOST THINGS ON MY OWN.
FOOOO ボボボボ
THE REAL TROUBLE IS... RELATIONSHIPS.
RELATIONSHIPS?

LATELY?
OH, RIGHT... YOU JUST ENTERED SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU?
IT TAKES A LONG TIME FOR THEM TO REALLY TRUST ME.
YEAH. PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS PRETTY SURPRISED WHEN THEY MEET ME.
IT'S BEEN ESPECIALLY HARD LATELY...
RIGHT.
AND I CAN FEEL EVERYONE KIND OF... KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE.
EXCEPT HIKARI-CHAN.
HUH...
!
ギッ CREAK
IT'S NOT THAT THEY DON'T TALK TO ME. BUT IT'S LIKE... THEY TRY SO HARD TO AVOID BRINGING UP THE DULLAHAN THING.
I THINK IF WE COULD TALK AND JOKE ABOUT HOW I AM, I'D ACTUALLY FEEL A LITTLE BETTER.
STAAARE...
じ——……

START... WHERE?
MACHI... HAVE YOU EVER TRIED MAKING A DULLAHAN JOKE?
HUH?
ME? NO, NEVER...
CREAK
I SEE. WELL, MAYBE YOU SHOULD START THERE.
PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S ACCEPTABLE IN THEIR RELATION-SHIPS.
IF YOU WANT YOUR FRIENDS TO BE WILLING TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN...
...THEN YOU CAN SHOW WHAT IS AND ISN'T OKAY TO JOKE ABOUT WITH YOUR OWN JOKES.
I GET IT!
THE QUESTION IS ALWAYS WHO WILL TAKE THE FIRST STEP.
IT MIGHT BE A VERY HARD STEP FOR YOUR CLASSMATES TO TAKE BY THEM-SELVES.
I AM A DULLAHAN, AFTER ALL!
HA HA, RIGHT! MOST PEOPLE HAVE PROBABLY NEVER MET ONE BEFORE.
IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR THEM TO... KEEP THEIR HEAD ON THEIR SHOULDERS!
...OR SOMETHING.


I'VE BEEN STUDY-ING.
NOT THAT THERE WAS MUCH TO STUDY.
A TEACHER'S STUDENTS ARE JUST THAT IMPORTANT TO HIM!


THERE'S ONLY THREE DULLAHANS IN THE WHOLE WORLD, RIGHT?
Y-
YES.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M SUR-PRISED YOU KNOW THAT!


SENSEI... UM...
...
HM?
YOU CAN FEEL FREE TO SAY NO... IF YOU DON'T WANT TO... BUT...

I... I SEE...
...

WOULD ...

W-
WOULD YOU HOLD ME ?!
PLEASE ?
ARE YOU MAKING A JOKE?
NO, I'M NOT...
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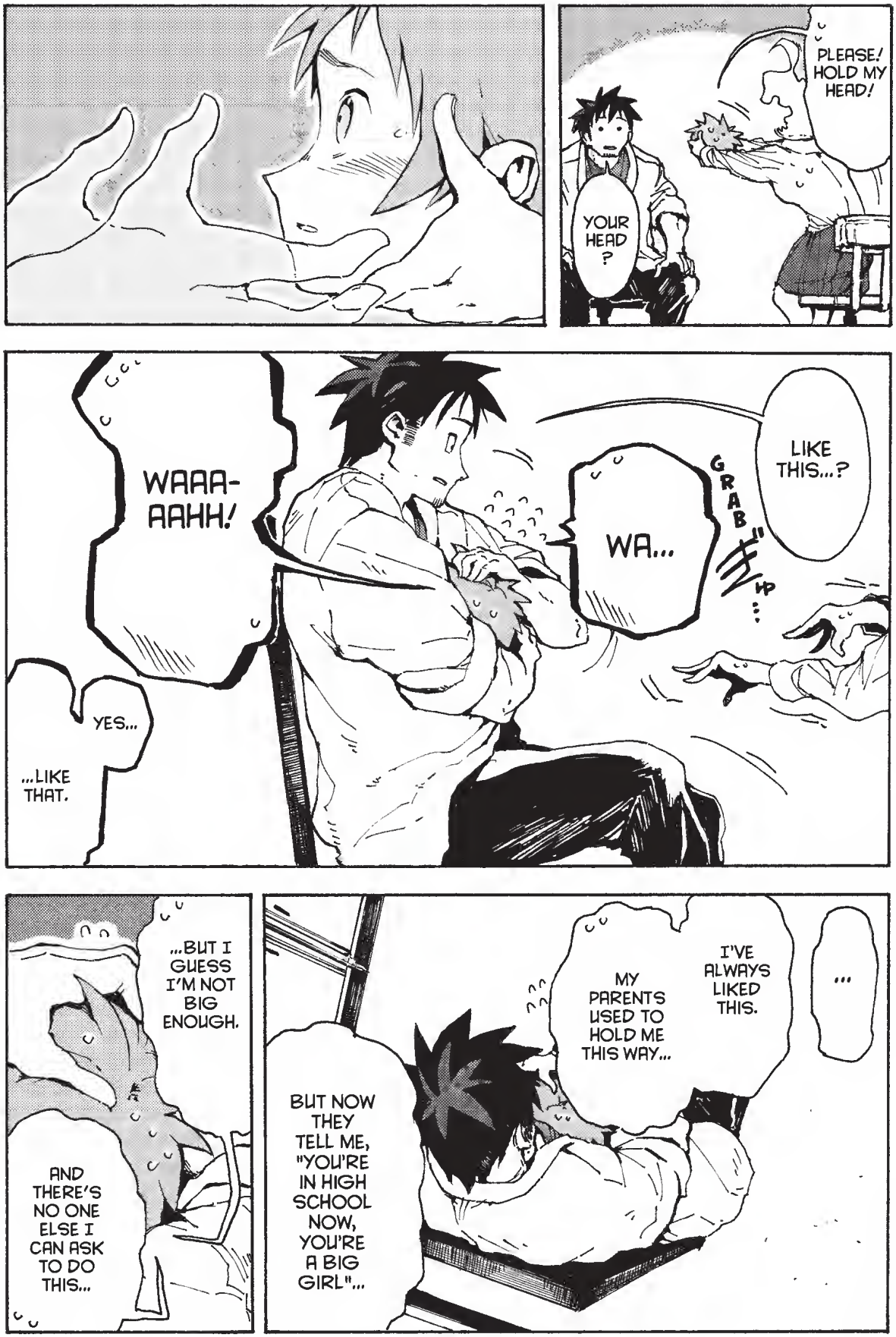
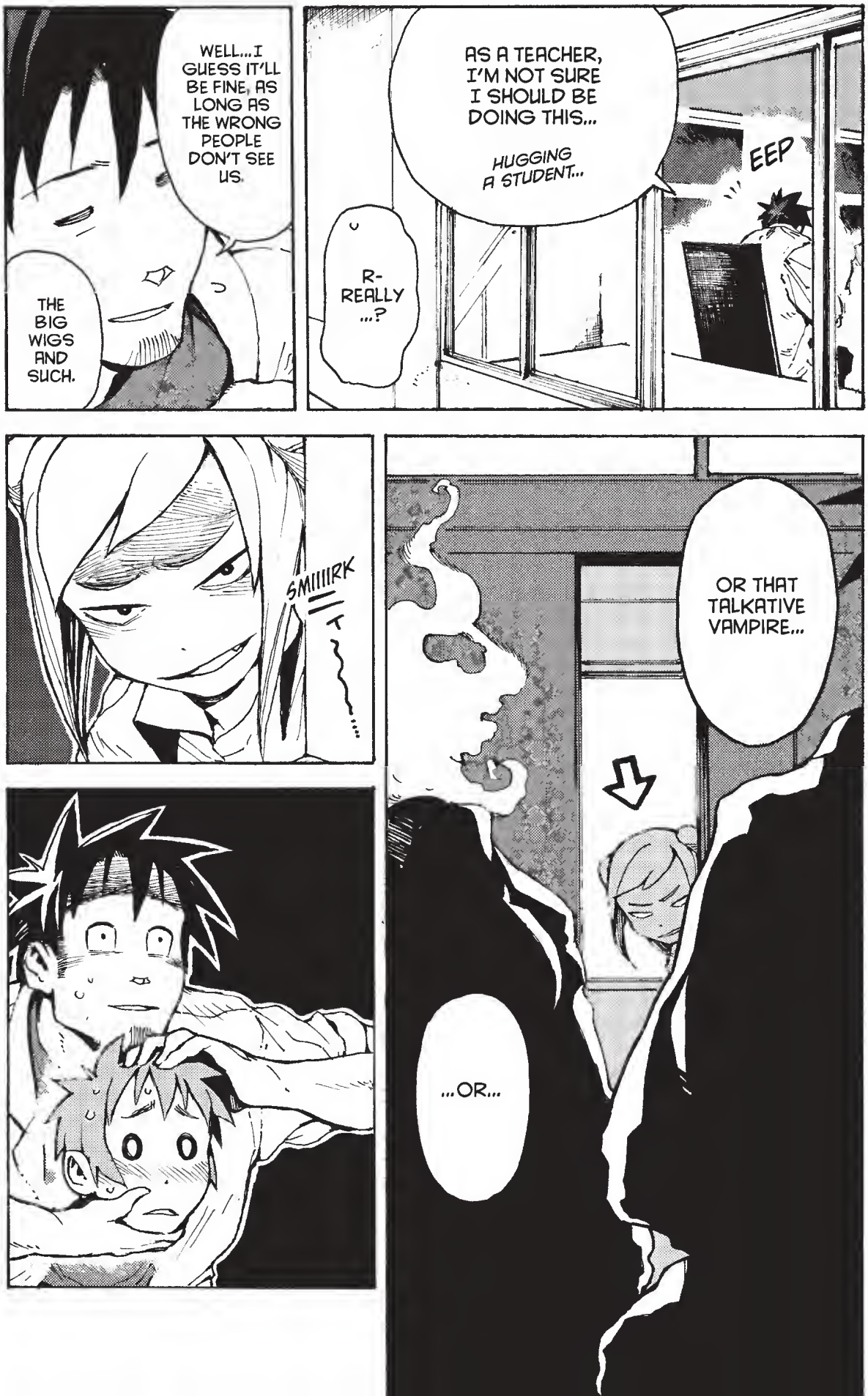
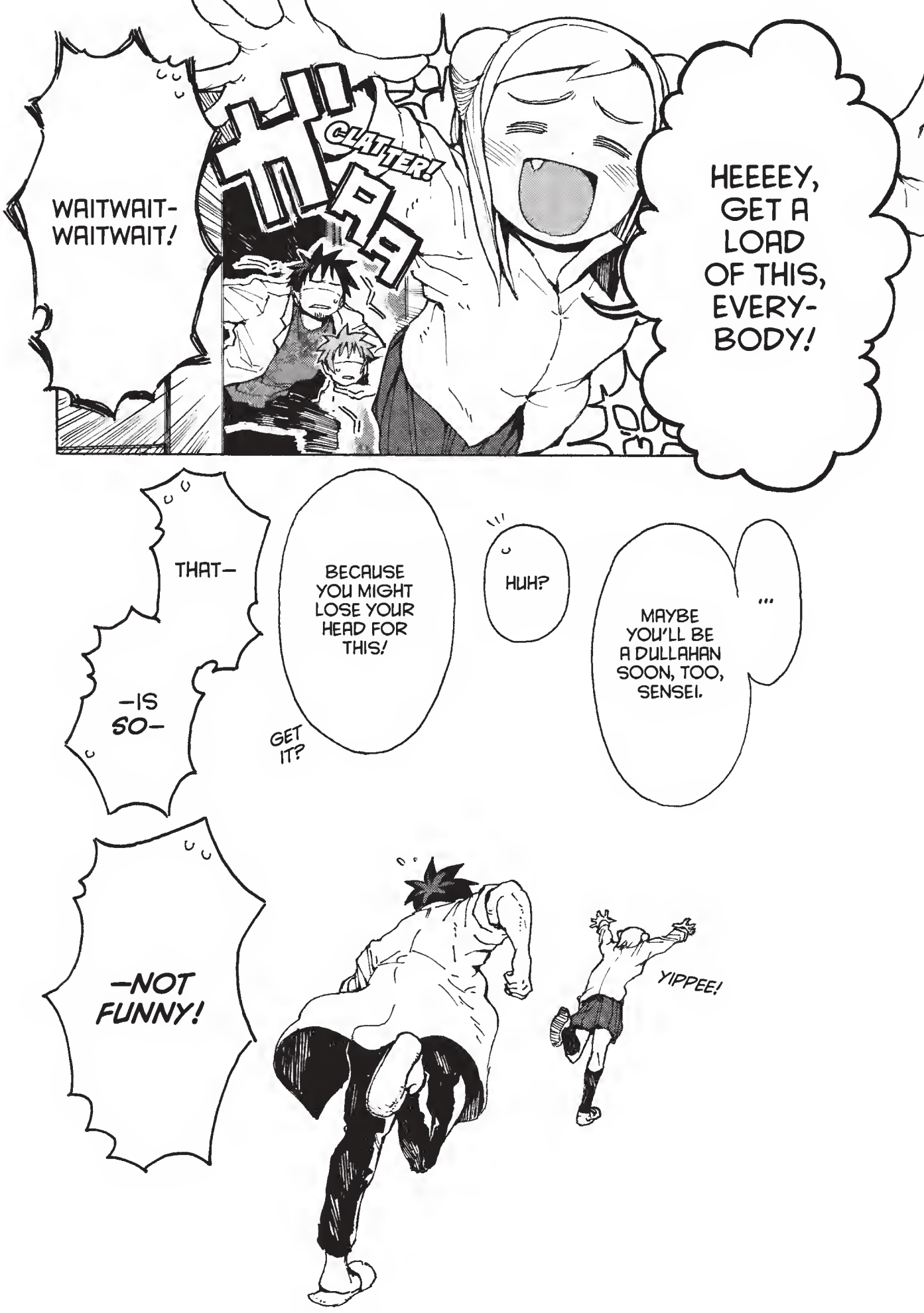
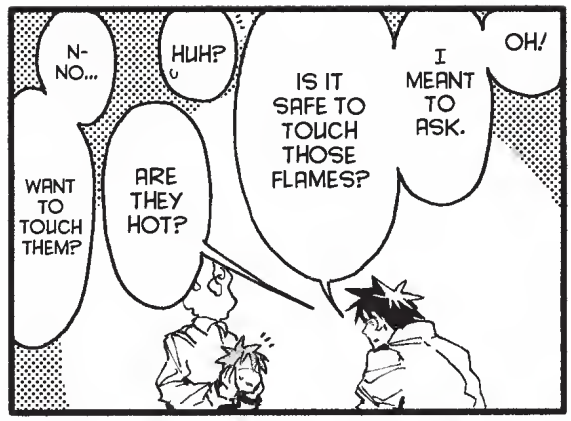
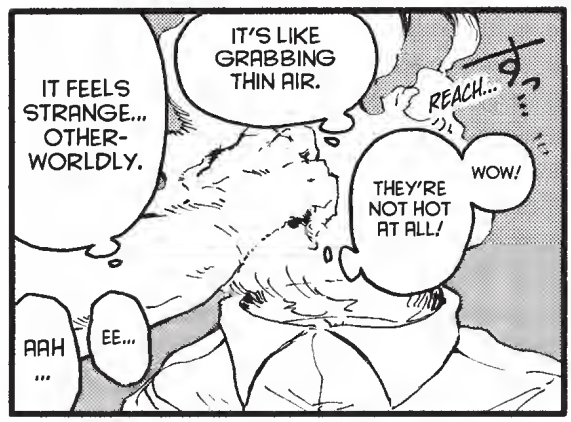

PLEASE! HOLD MY HEAD!
YOUR HEAD?
LIKE THIS...?
GRAB
WA...
WAAA-AAHH!
YES...
...LIKE THAT.
...BUT I GUESS I'M NOT BIG ENOUGH.
AND THERE'S NO ONE ELSE I CAN ASK TO DO THIS...
BUT NOW THEY TELL ME, "YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW, YOU'RE A BIG GIRL"...
MY PARENTS USED TO HOLD ME THIS WAY...
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED THIS.
...

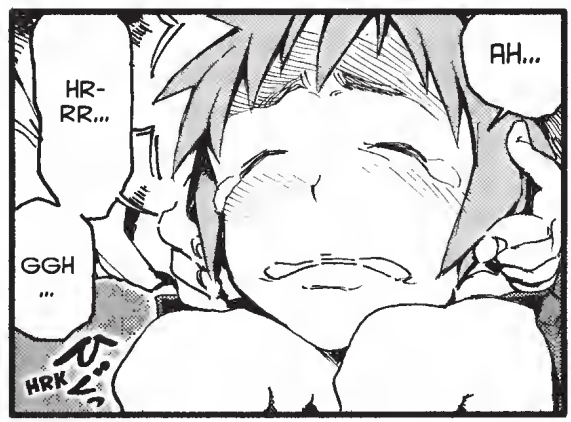
I SEE...
A DULLAHAN'S HEAD CAN'T MOVE ON ITS OWN.
TO GO ANYWHERE, IT NEEDS SOMEONE TO HOLD IT—BE THAT ITS OWN BODY, OR SOMEONE ELSE'S.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR A DULLAHAN TO DISLIKE BEING ALONE.
SHE MAY BE GROWING UP...
OR IN A SIMPLER SENSE... THEY JUST GET LONELY.
...BUT SHE STILL WANTS SOMEONE TO SHOW THEY CARE.

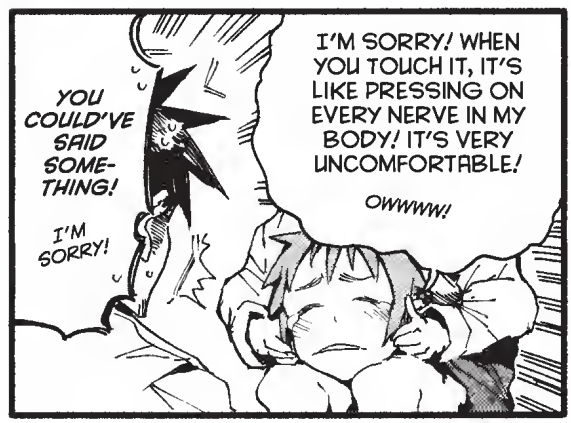

WELL...I GUESS IT'LL BE FINE, AS LONG AS THE WRONG PEOPLE DON'T SEE US.
THE BIG WIGS AND SUCH.
AS A TEACHER, I'M NOT SURE I SHOULD BE DOING THIS...
HUGGING A STUDENT...
EEP
R-REALLY ...?
SMIIIIRK
OR THAT TALKATIVE VAMPIRE...
...OR...


WAITWAIT-
WAITWAIT!
CLATTER!
HEEEEY, GET A LOAD OF THIS, EVERY-BODY!
THAT—
—IS SO—
—NOT FUNNY!
BECAUSE YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR HEAD FOR THIS!
GET IT?
HUH?
MAYBE YOU'LL BE A DULLAHAN SOON, TOO, SENSEI.
...
YIPPEE!


N-NO...
HUH?
IS IT SAFE TO TOUCH THOSE FLAMES?
I MEANT TO ASK.
OH!
WANT TO TOUCH THEM?
ARE THEY HOT?


IT'S LIKE GRABBING THIN AIR.
IT FEELS STRANGE... OTHER-WORLDLY.
REACH...
WOW!
THEY'RE NOT HOT AT ALL!
AAH...
EE...


HR-RR...
AH...
GGH...
HRK


I'M SORRY! WHEN YOU TOUCH IT, IT'S LIKE PRESSING ON EVERY NERVE IN MY BODY! IT'S VERY UNCOMFORTABLE!
OWWWW!
YOU COULD'VE SAID SOME-THING!
I'M SORRY!

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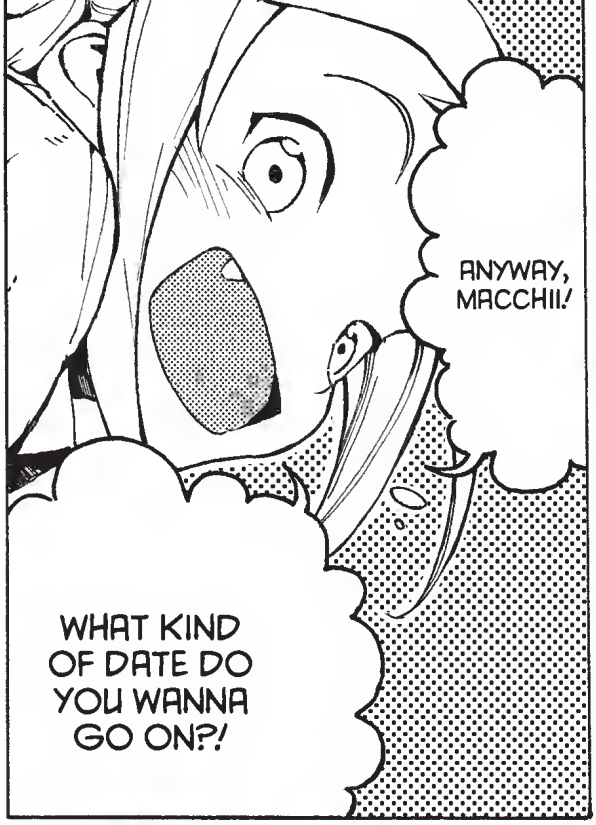
YOU WANNA GO ON A DATE WITH A GUY?!
GREAT IDEA! LET'S DO IT! GO FOR IT! GO ON THE PROWL!
S-SURE, BUT...
WH-WHAT WILL GUYS THINK ABOUT... ME?
DON'T WORRY! THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE GOR-GEOUS, MACCHI!
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD SENSE OF STYLE, AND THAT GREAT RACK OF YOURS IS ONLY GONNA SWEETEN THE DEAL!
R-REALLY ...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE NOT INTO THIS!
IS THERE SOME *DARK REASON* YOU DON'T WANT TO GO ON A DATE?
NO... I MEAN...

Chapter 5: Dullahans are Super Cute!

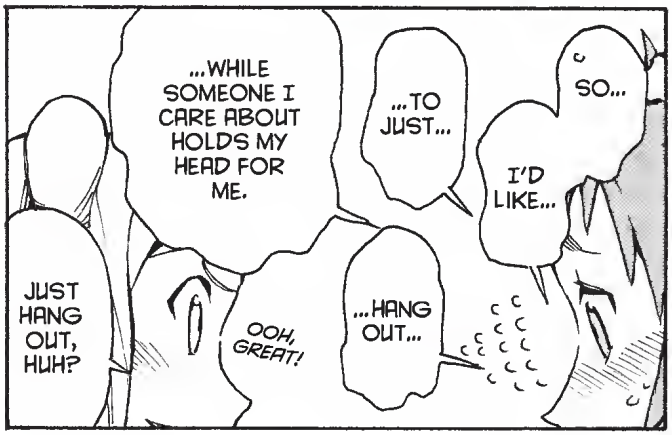
I AM A DULLAHAN...
...
!!
SO WHAT? LIKE DULLAHANS CAN'T FALL IN LOVE OR SOMETHING?

THERE ARE THREE DULLAHANS IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.
WELL, THERE'S DATA, YOU SEE... IT SAYS...
W...
...
...
HEY, COME ON!
!!
MAYBE IT WOULDN'T HURT TO BE A DULLAHAN... BUT IT CAN'T HELP, EITHER.
ALL RIGHT...
YOU'RE GONNA LOOK SO LAME IF YOU TRY TO WEASEL OUT OF THIS WITH SOME DUMB EXCUSE!
WHY SHOULD BEING A DULLAHAN COUNT AGAINST YOU ON A DATE?
YOU'RE JUST NOT THINKING IT THROUGH!
YEE-EK!
YOU COULD SHOW HIM SOME *UNIQUE* MOVES!
SAY THE TWO OF YOU ARE IN BED...
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG!
YOU COULD EVEN SAY DULLAHANS ARE AT THE TIPPY-TOP OF THE LOVE PYRAMID!


ANYWAY, MACCHII!
WHAT KIND OF DATE DO YOU WANNA GO ON?!

WOW, HIKARI-CHAN...
I'M AMAZED YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT STUFF.
YOU'RE SO MATURE.
WELL,
SURE...
DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT

UM, WELL...
I GUESS...
BEING A DULLAHAN...
...I'M HAPPIEST WHEN SOMEONE IS HOLDING MY...MY HEAD.


SO...
...TO JUST...
...WHILE SOMEONE I CARE ABOUT HOLDS MY HEAD FOR ME.
I'D LIKE...
JUST HANG OUT, HUH?
OOH, GREAT!
...HANG OUT...

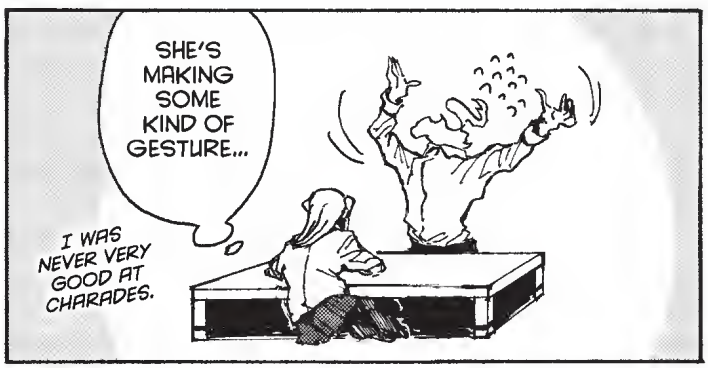
"WHAT KIND"...?
YEAH! WHAT'S THE PLAN? WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?

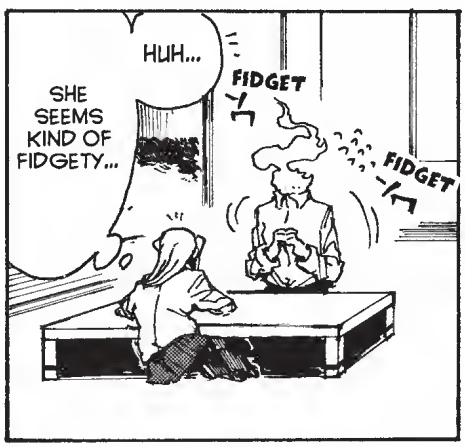
I'D JUST LET HIM PICK WHERE TO GO...
AND WHEN I LOOKED UP, I WOULD SEE HIS FACE.
THEN, SUDDEN-LY...
...MY CHEEK WOULD BE NEXT TO HIS.
I THINK THAT'D BE...FUN.
RUB RUB
OR... EXCITING?
I'M NOT SURE...
REAA-ALLLY...
HOW INNOCENT..
WELL...
OH...
UH...
IT'S...
...SOME DASHING PRINCE HAS STOLEN YOUR HEART. GIMMIE A NAME!
EVERY-ONE'S SAYING...
COOL!
NOW, SPILL IT!
WHAT?

...
T-TAKAHASHI-SENSEI...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
ガヴガヴ
...
...
FWAH
ピッ
D-DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT...!
HIKARI-CHAN, WHO ARE YOU CALLING...?
WAIT...
WHAT—?
...HUH?

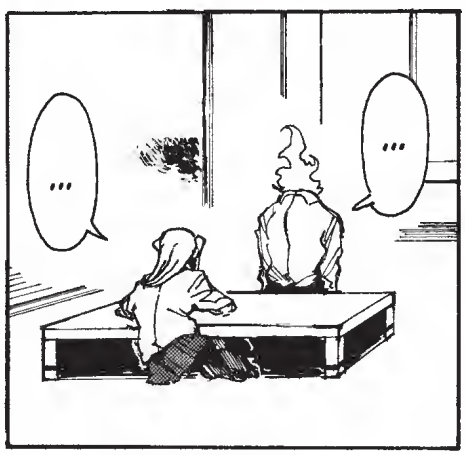
小鳥遊
TAKANASHI
...
...
IN THAT CASE, GET GOING!
YES'M.
YES.
SLAM
バタン
THE TWO OF YOU WILL GO SHOPPING! YOU ARE *NOT* ALLOWED TO COME BACK UNTIL SUNDOWN!
WE'RE DOING AN EXPERIMENT TODAY!
I'LL LOOK AFTER MACCHII'S BODY FOR THE DAY. CLEAR?
ALL RIGHT, BODY! TO THE LIVING ROOM!!
OH... GUESS YOU CAN'T HEAR ME WITHOUT YOUR EARS.
HA HA HA!

I WANTED TO SEE WHAT KINDS OF PROBLEMS MIGHT COME UP AND, YOU KNOW... FIND A WAY AROUND THEM.
I WAS THINKING... IF I HAD A BOYFRIEND SOMEDAY, HE MIGHT... CARRY ME AROUND LIKE THIS. AND...
W-WELL, UM...
WHAT EXPERIMENT ARE WE DOING TODAY?
HA HA!
I SEE. CLEVER.


SHE'S MAKING SOME KIND OF GESTURE...
I WAS NEVER VERY GOOD AT CHARADES.


HUH...
SHE SEEMS KIND OF FIDGETY...
FIDGET
FIDGET

LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING WELL...
HEE HEE HEE!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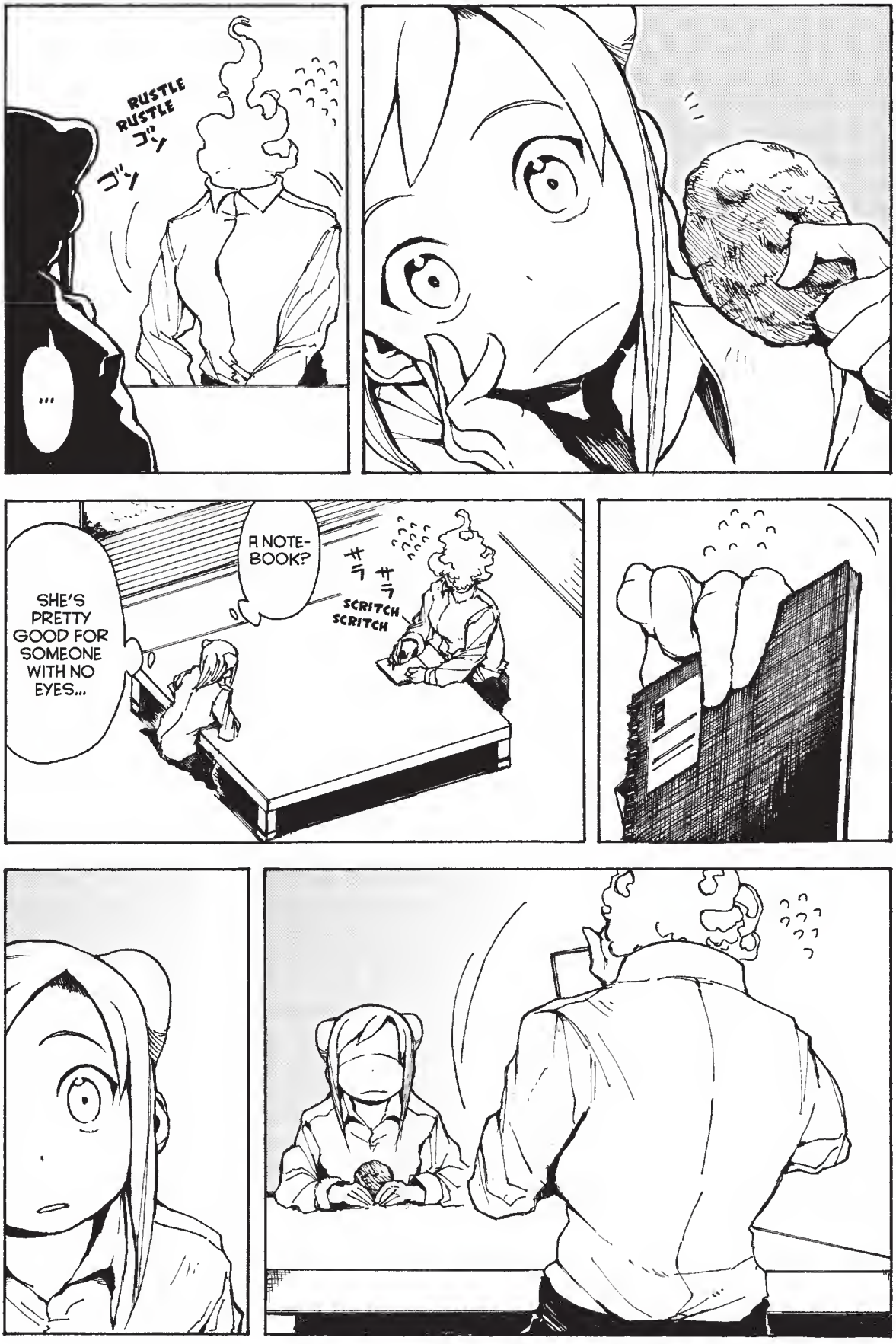
RUSTLE RUSTLE
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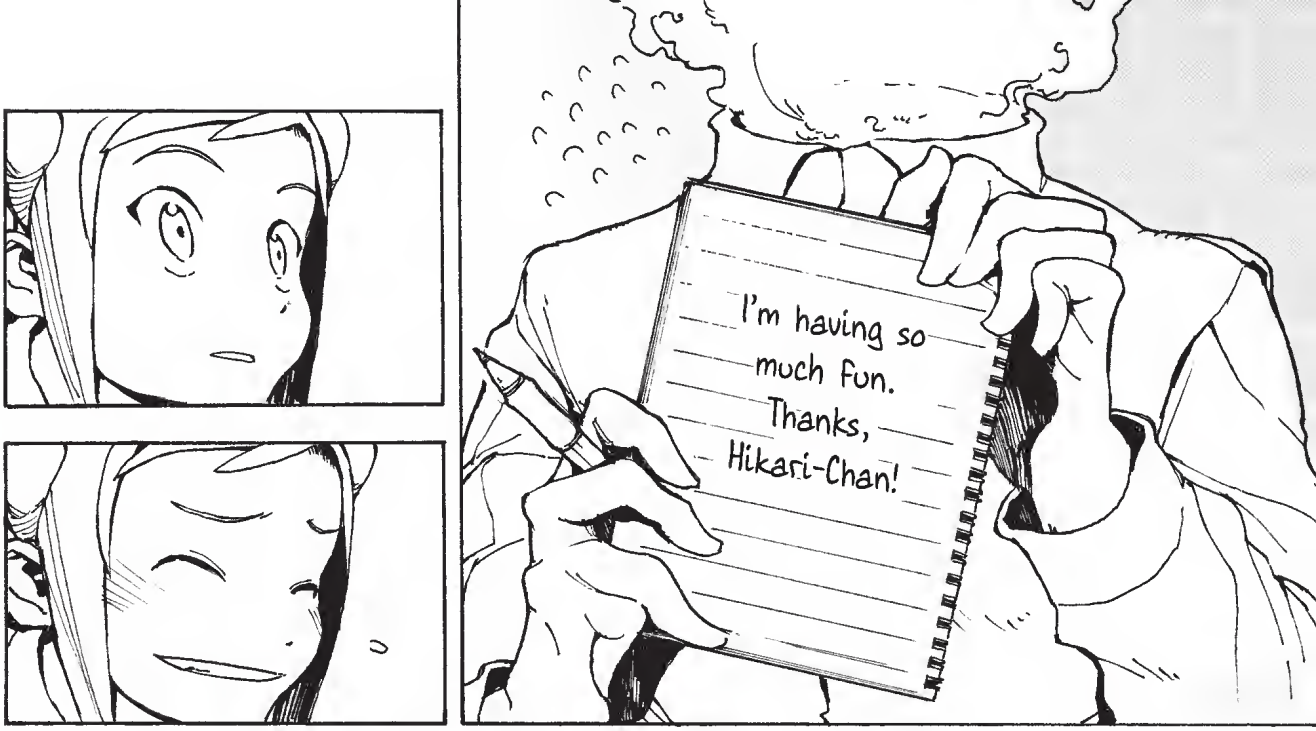
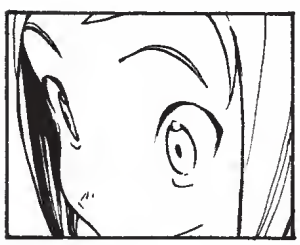
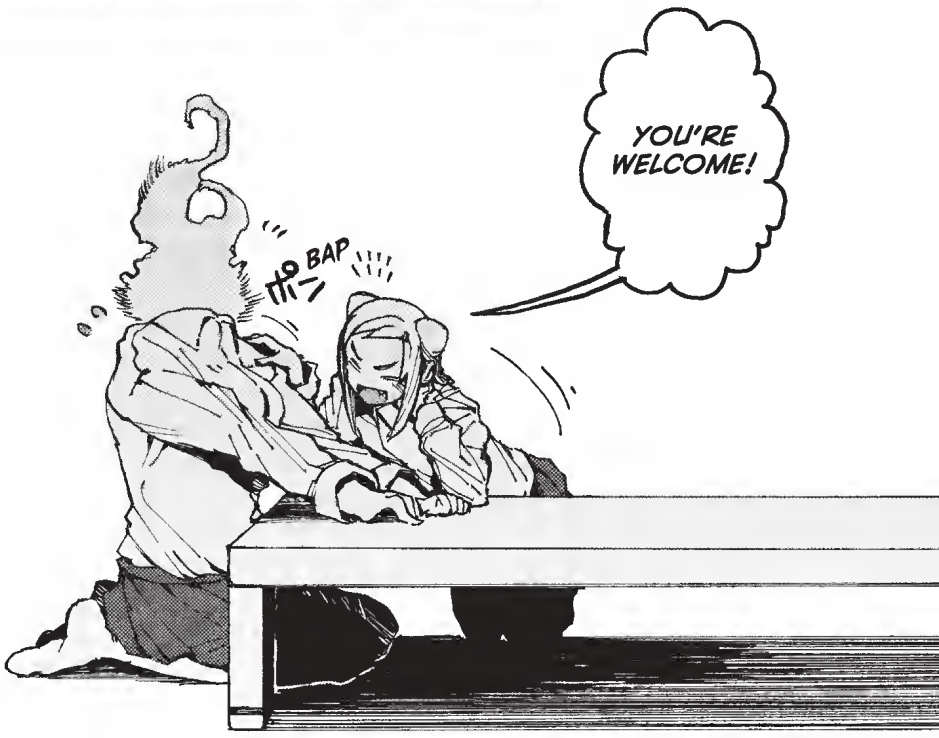
ゴソ
...
A NOTE-BOOK?
サラ サラ
SCRITCH SCRITCH
SHE'S PRETTY GOOD FOR SOMEONE WITH NO EYES...



I GUESS THE SENSE OF DISTANCE IS... JUST PART OF HER.
IT'S KIND OF LIKE GETTING A TEXT MESSAGE...
...BUT SHE'S RIGHT THERE. I COULD EVEN TOUCH HER.

DULLAHANS ARE SUPER CUTE!





フゥ...
FWW...
ACTUALLY, CALL ME JEALOUS, BUT...
フスス...
FWW-WW...
...IT SEEMS TO BE GOING A LITTLE TOO WELL...

GWAAAAHH!!
ドタドタ!
WH-WHAT'S WRONG?
O-OH, I JUST...
YOU STARTLED ME!
...THOUGHT OF SOMETHING FUNNY...
THAT WAS A LAUGH ...?
CURSE YOU, HIKARI-CHAN...!
OH!
HEY!
I GET THIS ONE!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
SPIN SPIN SPIN
YOU'RE ANGRY, RIGHT?
HA HA HA!

I'M HOME!
OH, HEY, HIKA–
HI!
ヒボボボボ……
WHAT IS THAT?!
WHERE'D YOU PUT HER HEAD?!
SHE'S A DULLAHAN!
MEET MY FRIEND.
ヒボボボボ……

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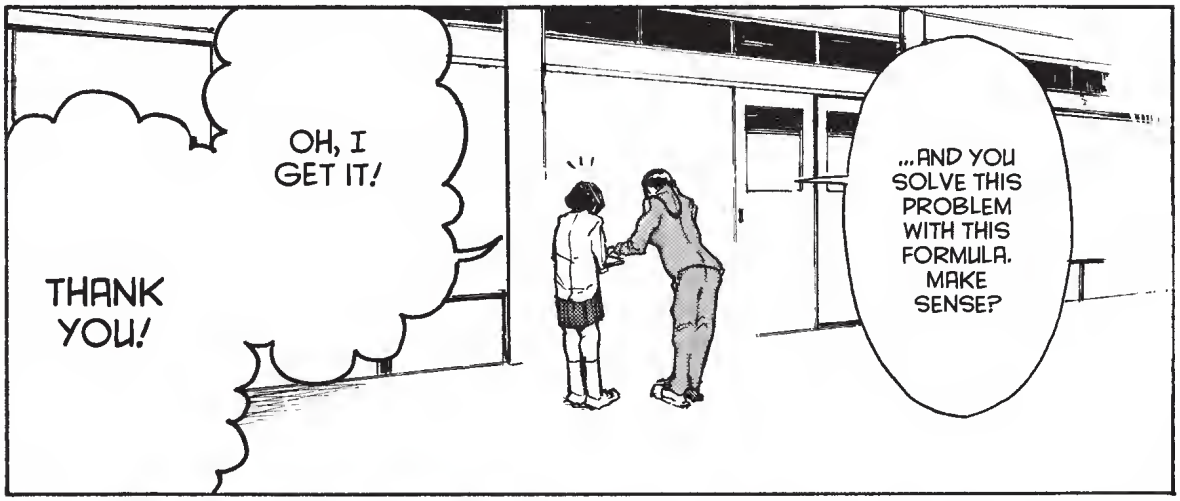
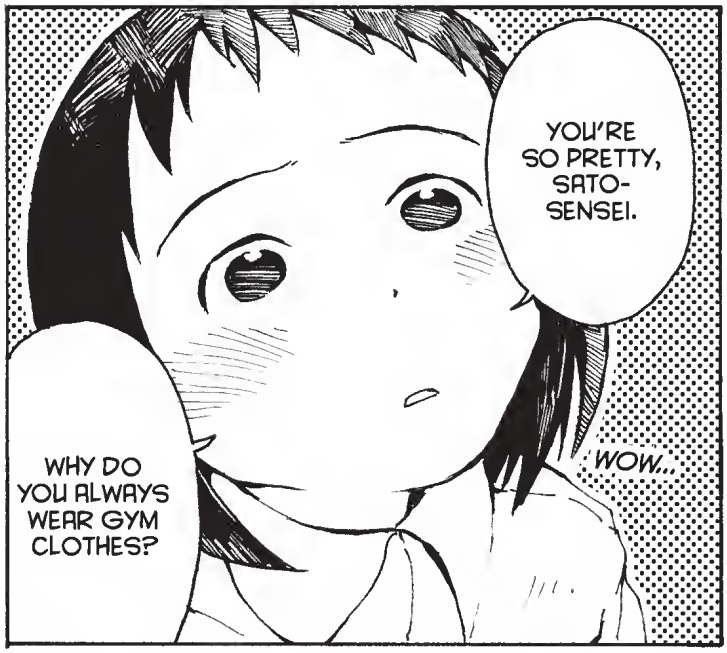
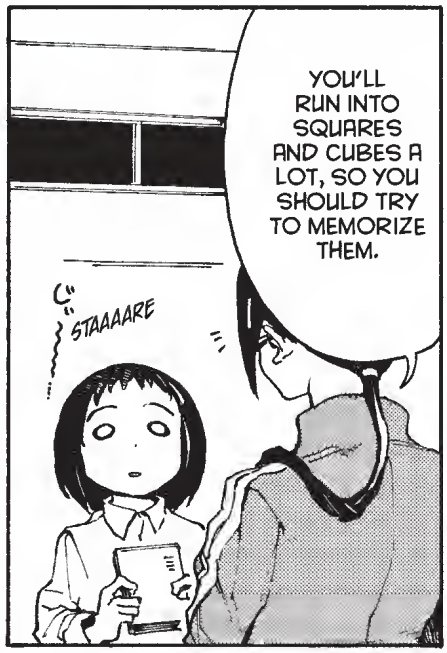
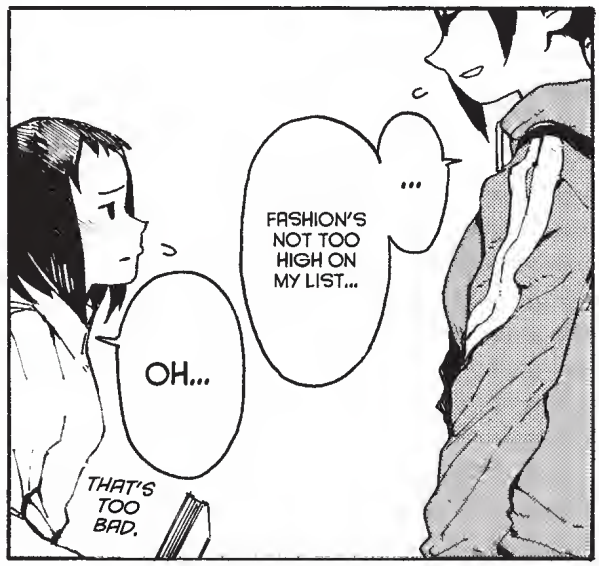

...AND YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH THIS FORMULA. MAKE SENSE?
OH, I GET IT!
THANK YOU!

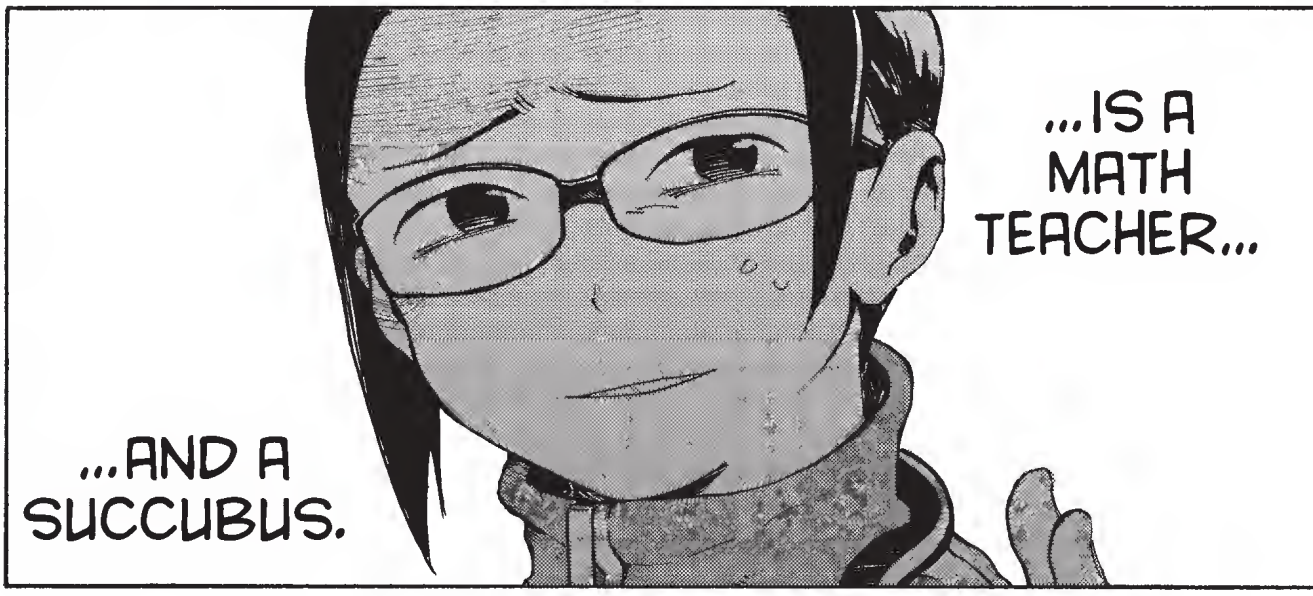

YOU'RE SO PRETTY, SATO-SENSEI.
WOW..
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR GYM CLOTHES?


YOU'LL RUN INTO SQUARES AND CUBES A LOT, SO YOU SHOULD TRY TO MEMORIZE THEM.
STAAAARE

I CAN'T DRESS TOO WELL.
...
BE-CAUSE...


...
FASHION'S NOT TOO HIGH ON MY LIST...
OH...
THAT'S TOO BAD.

SAKIE SATO...
...I MIGHT END UP ATTRACTING SOMEBODY.

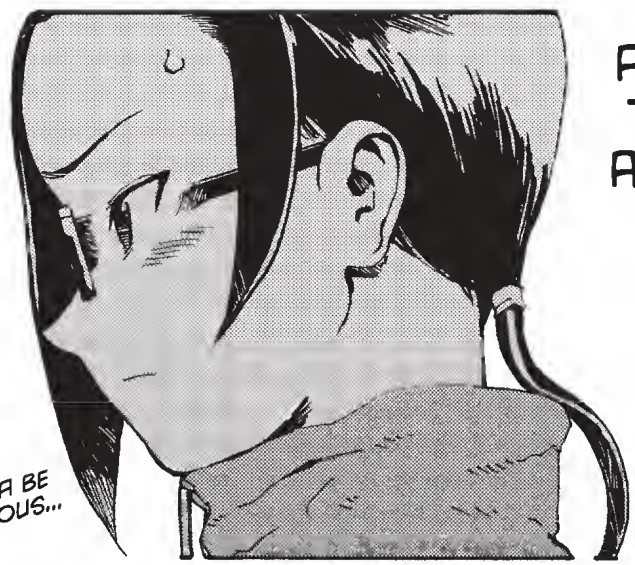

...IS A MATH TEACHER...
...AND A SUCCUBUS.

SUCCUBI ARE DEMIS...

...WHO BY THEIR VERY NATURE...

...AROUSE THOSE AROUND THEM.

AROUSE: THAT IS, ATTRACT.



CAUSE OTHERS TO FEEL SEXUAL DESIRE FOR THEM.

GOTTA BE CAUTIOUS...

...HAVE EXCELLENT SELF-CONTROL...

BUT SUCCUBI ALSO...

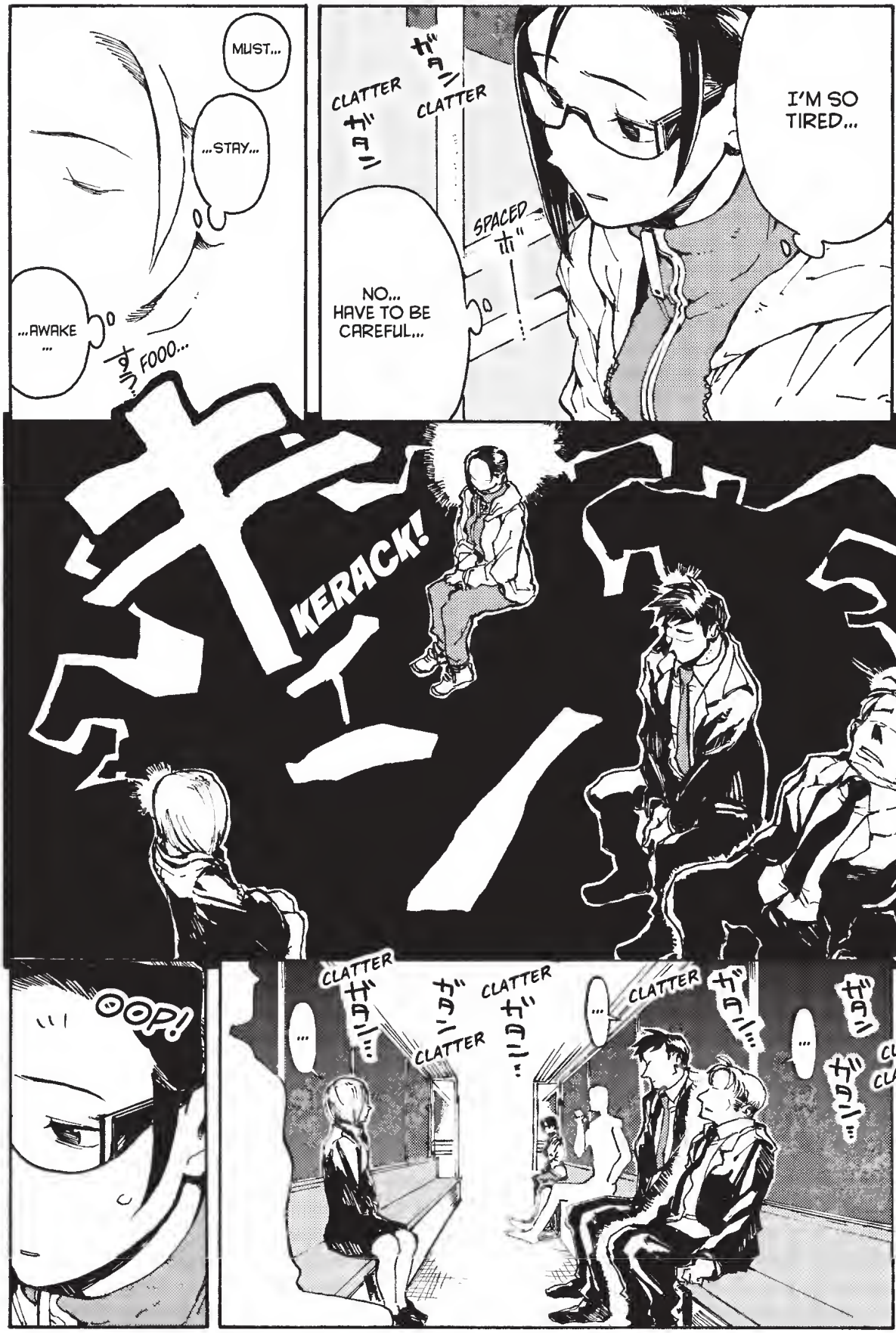
THEY ALWAYS TAKE CARE NOT TO DRESS...

...OR ACT...

...IN WAYS THAT MIGHT UNINTENTIONALLY AROUSE OTHERS.

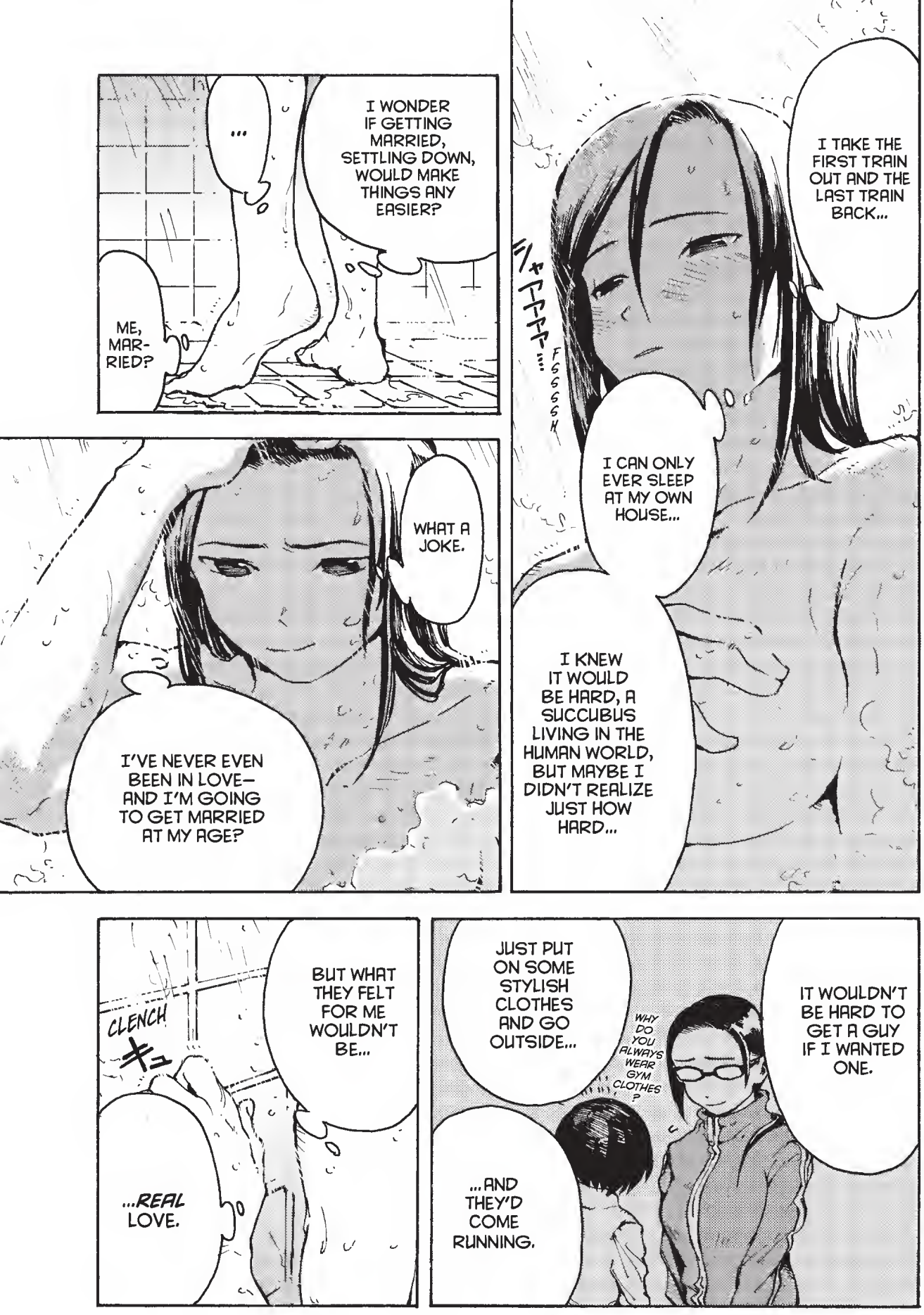
FWAH
BUMP
OOP...
...
...
...
GOSH... IT FELT LIKE I JUST BUMPED INTO SOMEONE SUPER HOT, BUT...
WAS I IMAGINING THINGS?
HOW CAN YOU FEEL WHEN SOMEONE IS SUPER HOT?!
WHAT ??
YOU'RE RIGHT... SATO-SENSEI, THOUGH... I GOTTA ADMIT...
SNEAK...-I-I-I...
ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, BUT THIS IS AS FAR AS THEY GO.
WHILE SUCCUBI ARE MASTERS OF SELF-CONTROL, HOWEVER...
...THERE IS AN EXCEPTION.
THAT IS...

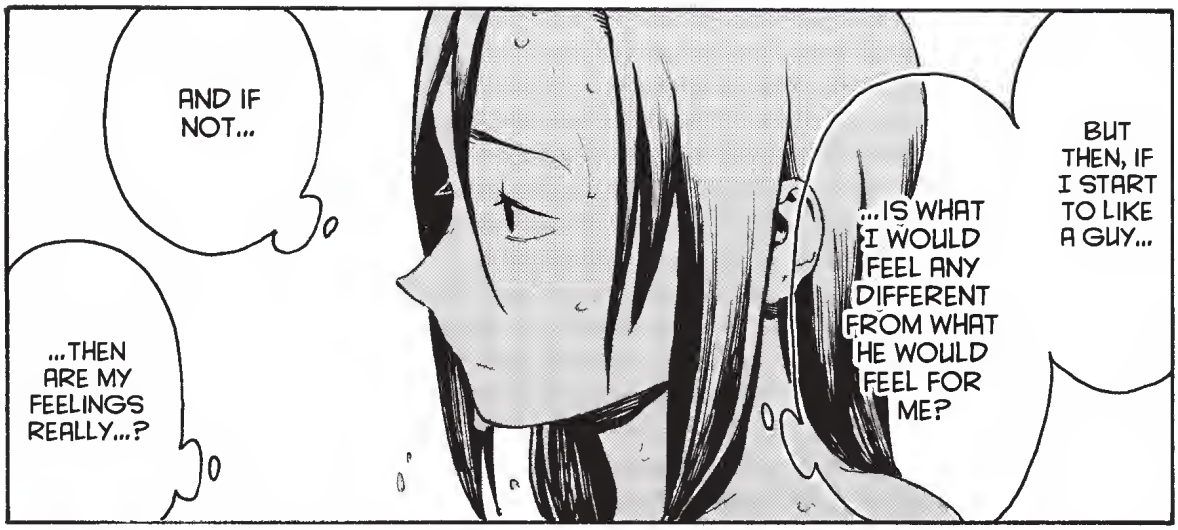
EVEN SUCCUBI...
...HAVE A WEAKNESS!
A HOLE...
...IN THEIR...
...DEFENSES.
RUUUUMBLE
SNOOORE
FOOO...
RUSH HOUR IS DANGEROUS. SAKIE TRIES TO TRAVEL OFF PEAK.
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

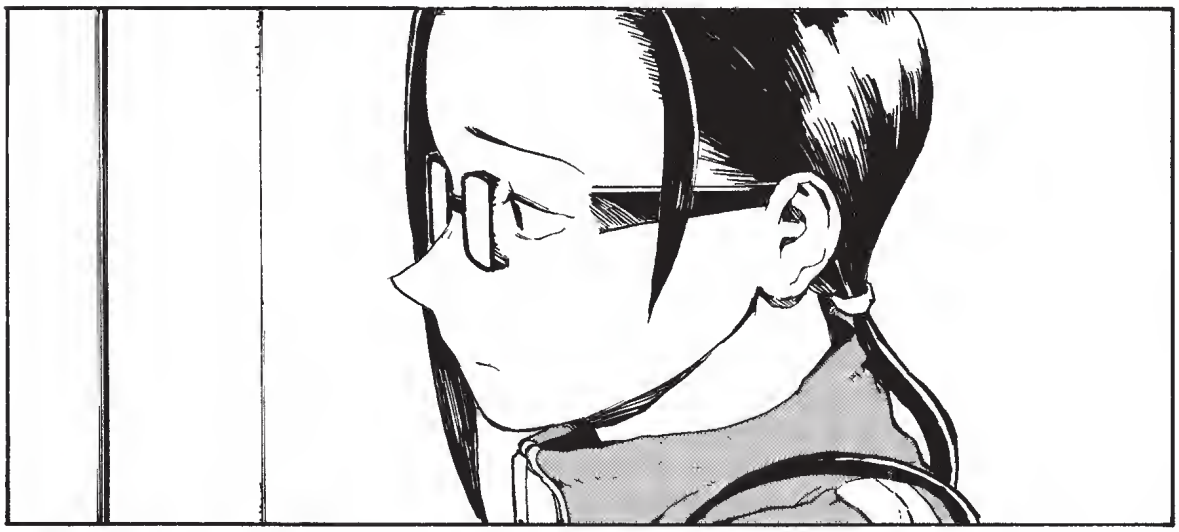

MUST...
...STAY...
...AWAKE...
すぅ... FOOO...
CLATTER
ガタン
CLATTER
ガタン
I'M SO TIRED...
SPACED
NO... HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...
KERACK!
OOP!
CLATTER
ガタン...
CLATTER
ガタン
CLATTER
ガタン...
...
CLATTER
ガタン...
...
ガタン
CLATTER
CLATTER

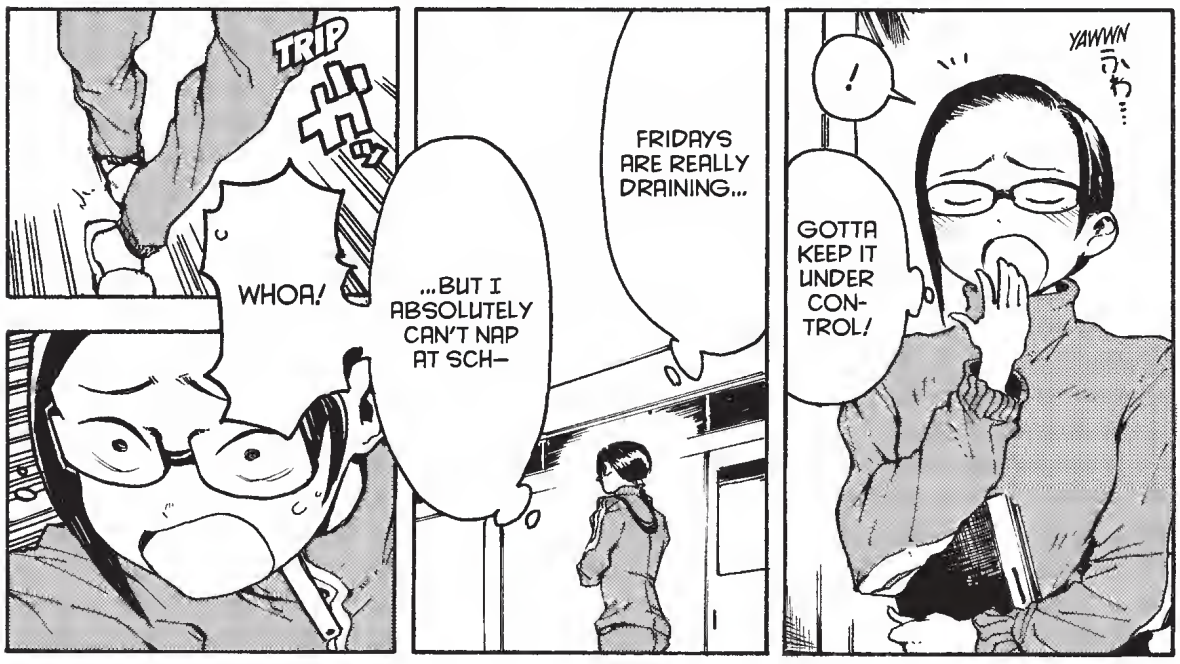
...
...
...
EYOW!
I JUST HAD THE SEXIEST DREAM...!
SUCCUBI CANNOT MONITOR THEMSELVES WHILE THEY SLEEP, AND CAN INSPIRE LEWD DREAMS IN OTHER SLEEPERS.
RUUUMBLE
THIS IS WHY SUCCUBI ARE ALSO KNOWN...
DAMN IT...
...AS DREAM-DEVILS.

SAKIE SATO MAKES HER HOME...
HOO...
HOO...
...ARE ALL BUT FORBIDDEN TO THEM.
No!!
FOR THIS REASON, GROUP DWELLINGS SUCH AS HIGH-RISE APARTMENTS...
...IN AN OLD RENTAL UNIT...
WELL, I'M BACK...
HOO...
HOO...
...SURROUNDED BY GREEN SPACE ON EVERY SIDE.
AHH...
FSSSSH...
TATATATA...


I TAKE THE FIRST TRAIN OUT AND THE LAST TRAIN BACK...
I CAN ONLY EVER SLEEP AT MY OWN HOUSE...
I KNEW IT WOULD BE HARD, A SUCCUBUS LIVING IN THE HUMAN WORLD, BUT MAYBE I DIDN'T REALIZE JUST HOW HARD...
シャアアア... FSSSSSH
I WONDER IF GETTING MARRIED, SETTLING DOWN, WOULD MAKE THINGS ANY EASIER?
...
ME, MAR-RIED?
WHAT A JOKE.
I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN LOVE— AND I'M GOING TO GET MARRIED AT MY AGE?
BUT WHAT THEY FELT FOR ME WOULDN'T BE...
CLENCH キュ
...REAL LOVE.
JUST PUT ON SOME STYLISH CLOTHES AND GO OUTSIDE...
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR GYM CLOTHES?
...AND THEY'D COME RUNNING.
IT WOULDN'T BE HARD TO GET A GUY IF I WANTED ONE.


BUT THEN, IF I START TO LIKE A GUY...
...IS WHAT I WOULD FEEL ANY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT HE WOULD FEEL FOR ME?
AND IF NOT...
...THEN ARE MY FEELINGS REALLY...?



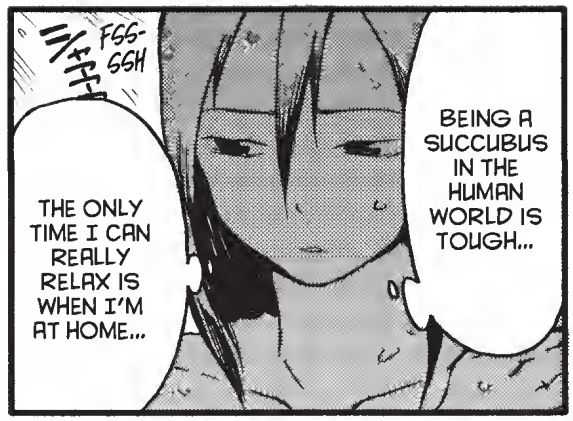

YAWWN ふわ…
!
GOTTA KEEP IT UNDER CON-TROL!
FRIDAYS ARE REALLY DRAINING...
...BUT I ABSOLUTELY CAN'T NAP AT SCH–
TRIP
WHOA!

OOP—
OH!
TAKA-
HASHI-
SENSEI
...
T...
ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
SATO-
SENSEI?

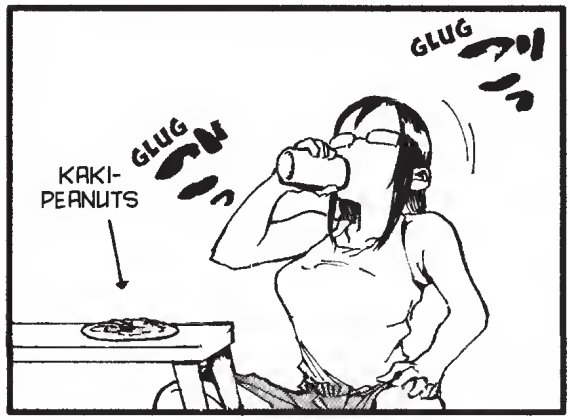
?
P-PARDON ME—!
TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
W-WHOA!
EEP!!
I MEAN—
UH—
ギュッ
SQUEEZE...
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR STUDENTS, BUT DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF.
HA HA...
YOU LOOK TIRED.
...?
...HE SEEMS COMPLETELY UNAFFECTED...
...
WEIRD...
WE WERE SO CLOSE, AND YET...
THANKS AGAIN...
YES... OF COURSE.

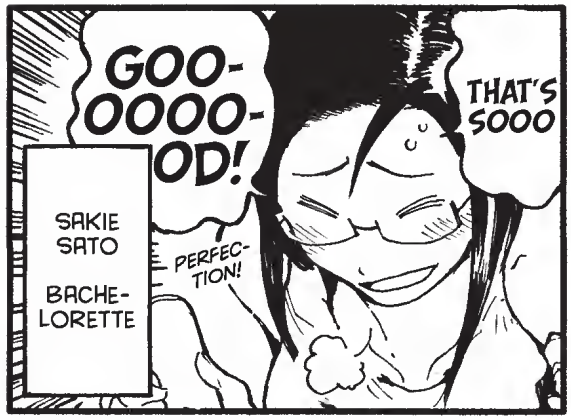
...EQUALS IN LOVE.
TOGETHER, THEY COULD ALMOST BE...
I SEE... OF COURSE!
SUCCUBI NATURALLY AROUSE SEXUAL DESIRE...
...BUT PEOPLE WHOSE LIBIDO IS LOW TO BEGIN WITH...
...WOULD BE LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO THAT TRAIT.
WHO KNEW A GIRL COULD BE THIS THRILLED...
...TO SEE A GUY ACT TOTALLY UNINTERESTED IN HER?
MY HEART'S POUNDING...
I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE.
IT'S STRANGE...
...

POUND
POUND
POUND
ONE LITTLE TOUCH AND MY HEART'S JUMPING OUT OF MY CHEST...
WHUMPH
PHEW..!
WHO KNEW SUCCUBI WERE SO SEXY...?!
THANK GOODNESS I WAS ABLE TO KEEP MY COOL...
I'D HATE TO SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE.
TETSUO TAKAHASHI
BIOLOGY TEACHER
UNWITTING WOMANIZER


FSS-SSH
THE ONLY TIME I CAN REALLY RELAX IS WHEN I'M AT HOME...
BEING A SUCCUBUS IN THE HUMAN WORLD IS TOUGH...

BEER


GLUG
GLUG
KAKI-PEANUTS


GOO-OOOO-OD!
THAT'S SOOO
SAKIE SATO
BACHE-LORETTE
PERFEC-TION!

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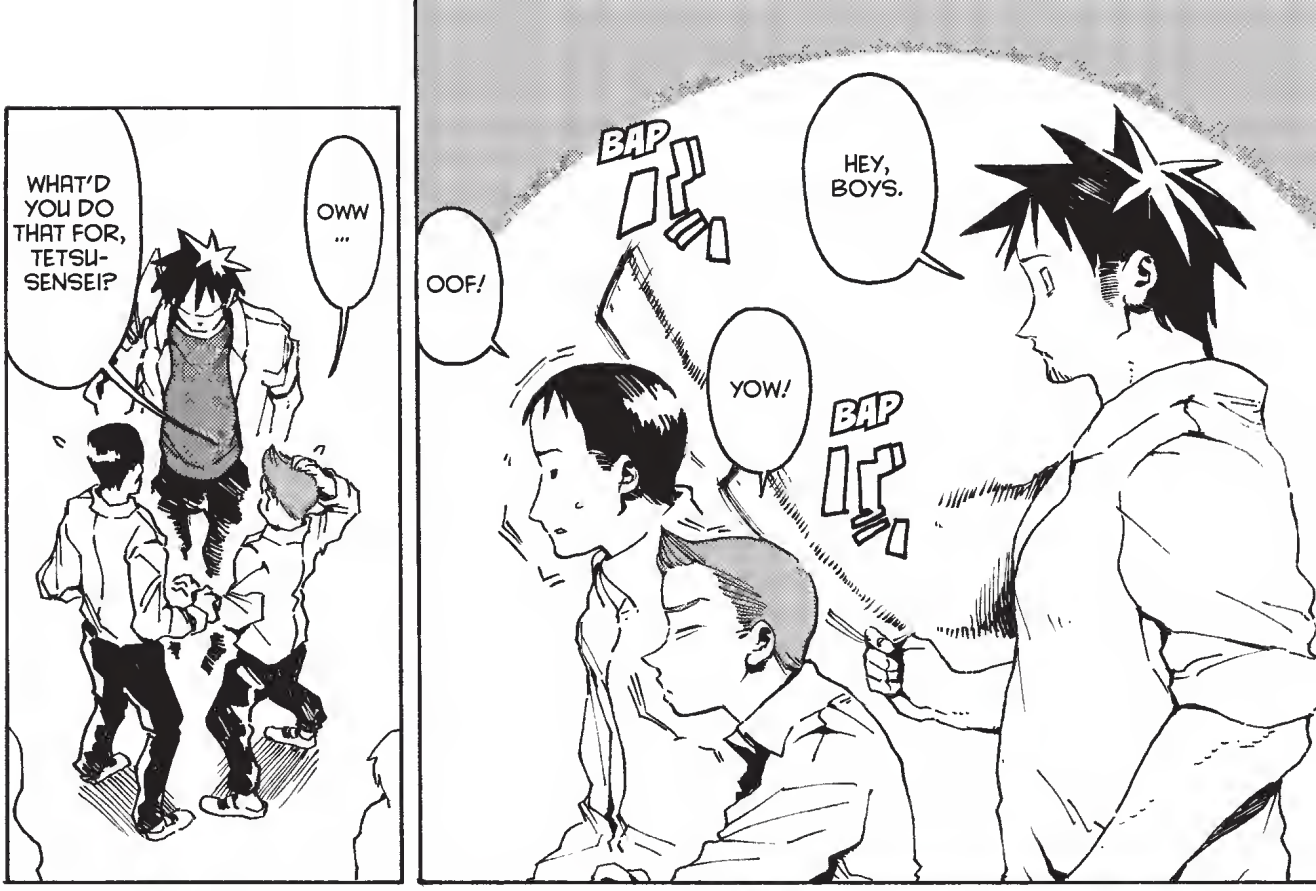
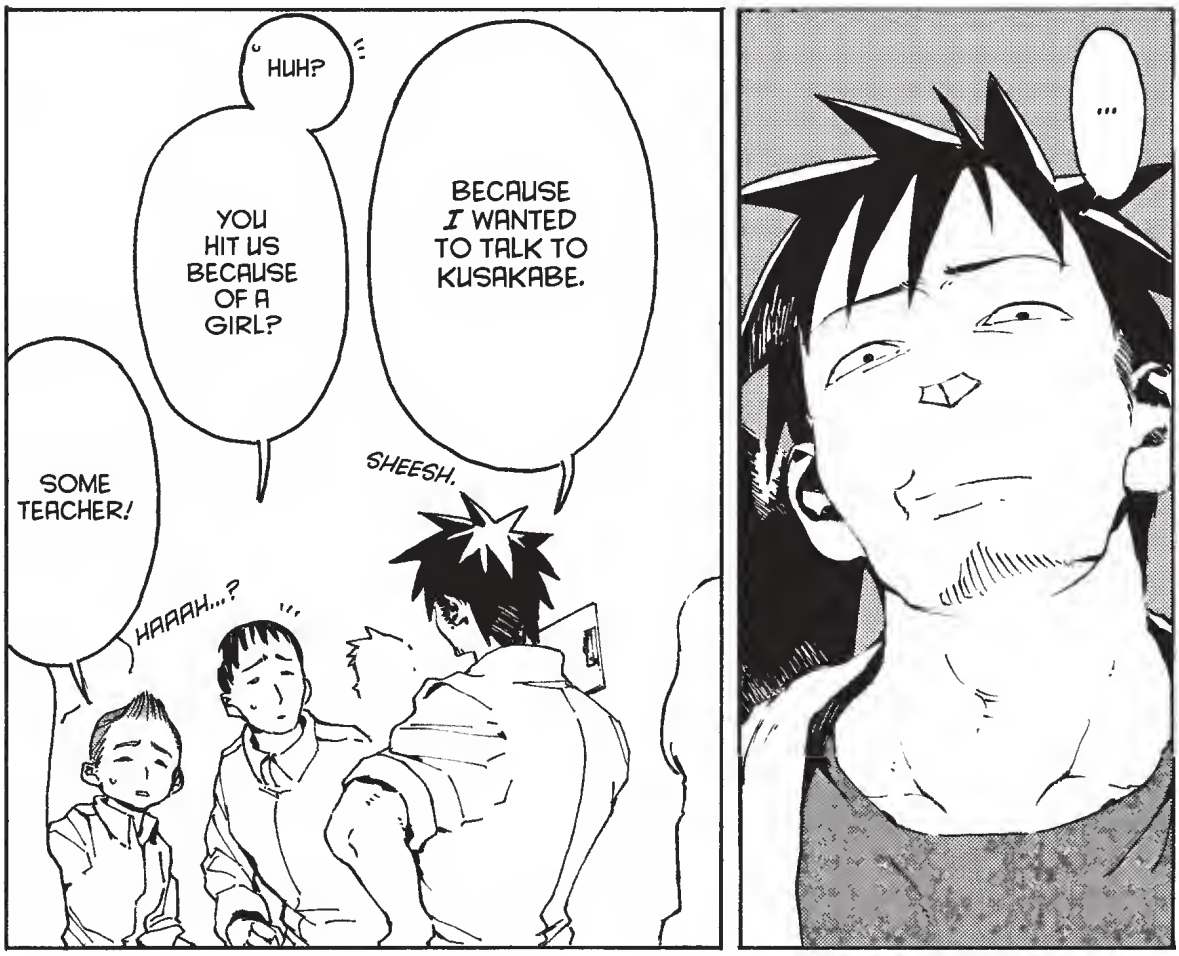
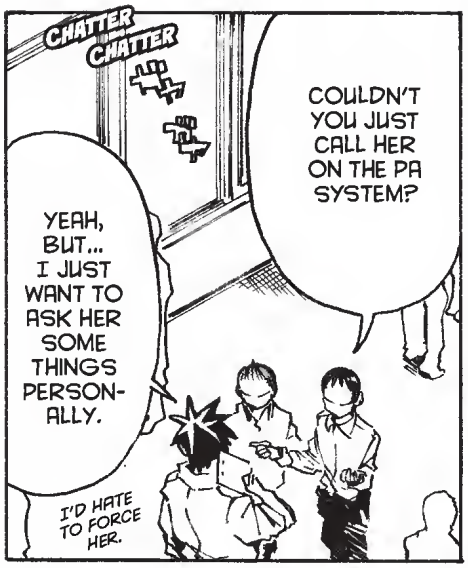
WANNA GO SOMEWHERE ON THE BREAK?
HEY, KUSA-KABE!
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
AW, C'MON! LIVE A LITTLE!
N-NO, I THINK I'LL JUST... ST-STAY HOME...
N-NO, THANK YOU, IT'S R-REALLY ALL RIGHT...
CHATTER
CHATTER
OH...
HEY!
DASH!
S-SORRY...!
...
ME?
YUKI KUSAKABE
CLASS 1-A
SNOW WOMAN


WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR, TETSU-SENSEI?
OWW ...
BAP
HEY, BOYS.
OOF!
YOW!
BAP


HUH?
YOU HIT US BECAUSE OF A GIRL?
BECAUSE I WANTED TO TALK TO KUSAKABE.
SHEESH.
SOME TEACHER!
HAAAH...?
...


CHATTER CHATTER
COULDN'T YOU JUST CALL HER ON THE PA SYSTEM?
YEAH, BUT... I JUST WANT TO ASK HER SOME THINGS PERSONALLY.
I'D HATE TO FORCE HER.

I DON'T WANT TO TURN INTO A STALKER, EITHER...
HRM...
I NEED TO REMEMBER HOW OLD SHE IS.

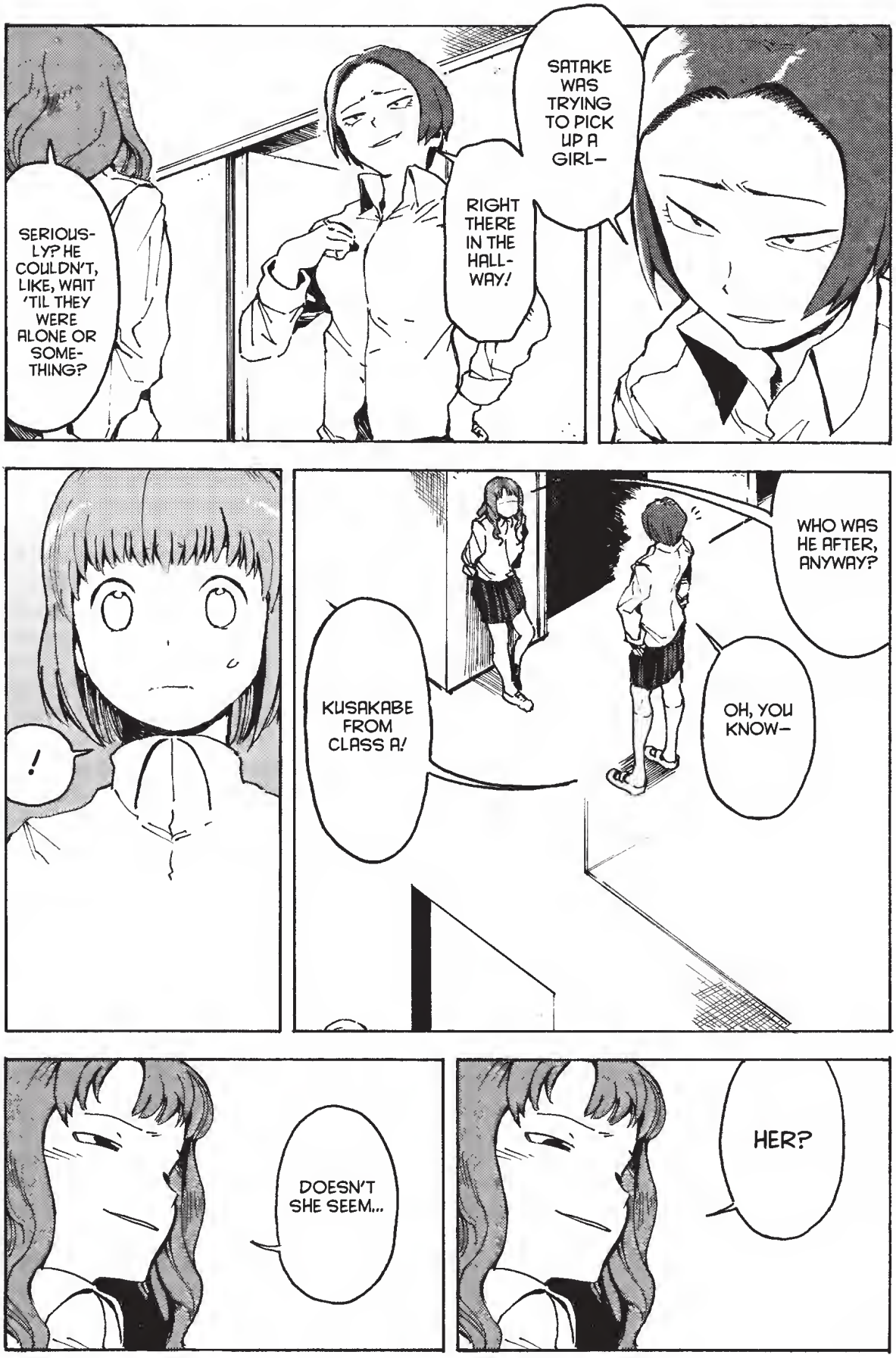
ACTUALLY, I'VE TRIED TO TALK TO KUSAKABE A FEW TIMES LATELY, BUT SHE ALWAYS RUNS OFF...
REALLY?
SORRY, SORRY.
YOU'RE THAT UPSET?

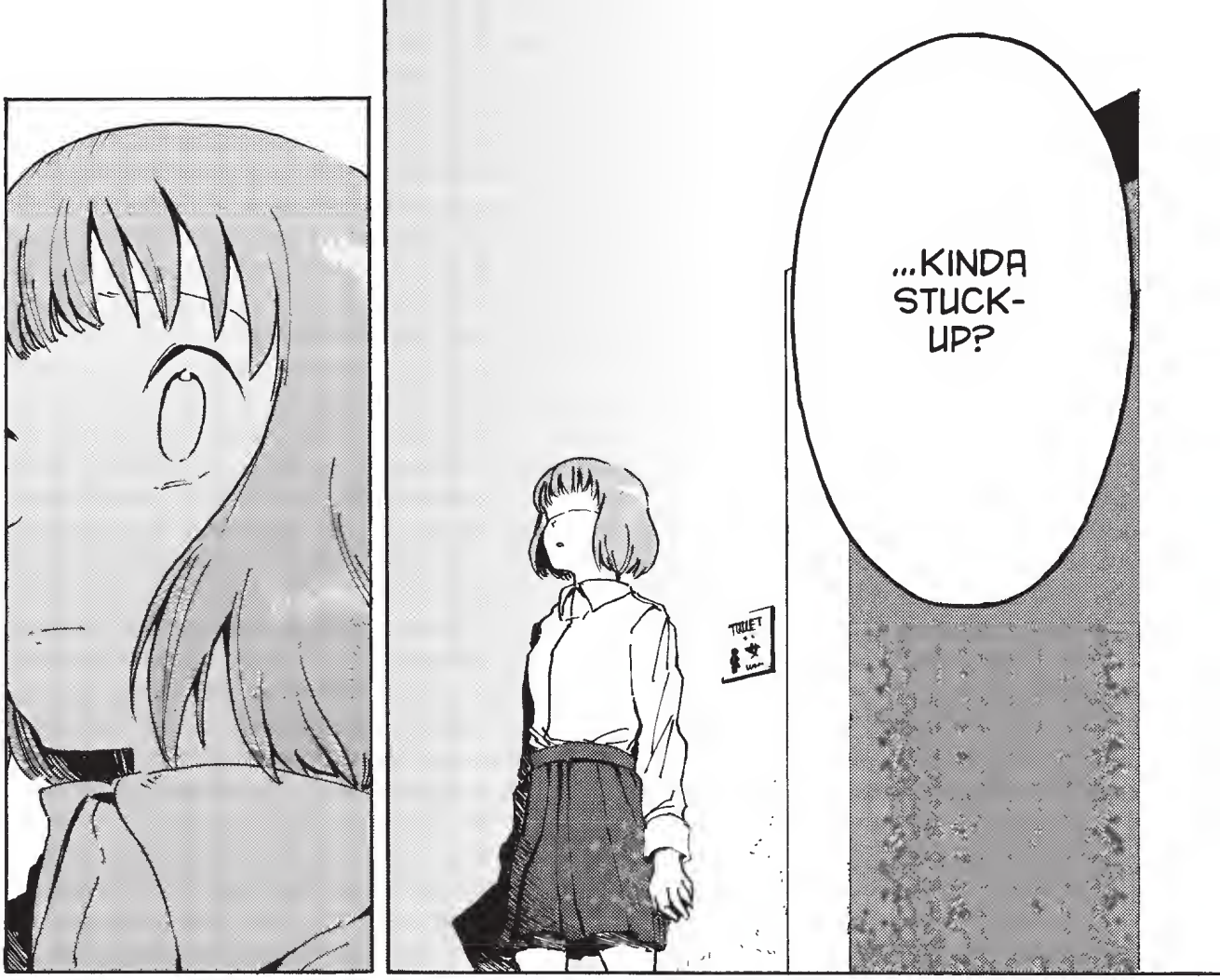
HE'S MUTTERING SOMETHING...
IT'S NOT FAIR TO INTERROGATE HER.
MUTTER MUTTER
IT'S NOT FAIR TO INTERROGATE HER.
MUTTER MUTTER
TETSU-SENSEI'S A STRANGE ONE.
CREEPY.
NOT A BAD GUY, THOUGH.

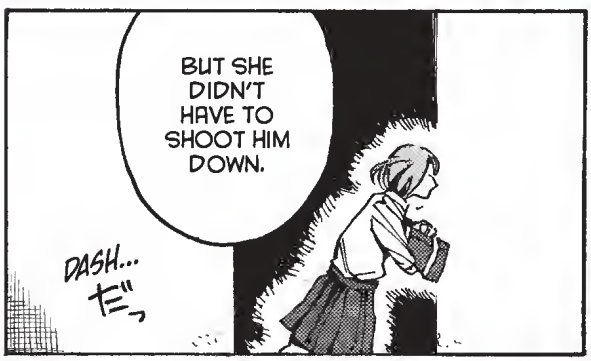
HMMM...

HMMM...

キーンコーン
DING-
DONG
カーンコーン
DANG-
DONG
SIGH...
SO,
GET
THIS.
AT
LUNCH
TODAY?
FLINCH


SERIOUSLY? HE COULDN'T, LIKE, WAIT 'TIL THEY WERE ALONE OR SOMETHING?
RIGHT THERE IN THE HALLWAY!
SATAKE WAS TRYING TO PICK UP A GIRL—
!
KUSAKABE FROM CLASS A!
OH, YOU KNOW—
WHO WAS HE AFTER, ANYWAY?
DOESN'T SHE SEEM...
HER?


...KINDA STUCK-UP?
TOILET


BUT SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO SHOOT HIM DOWN.
DASH...
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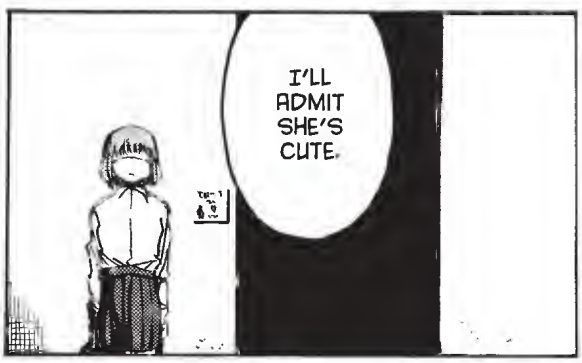
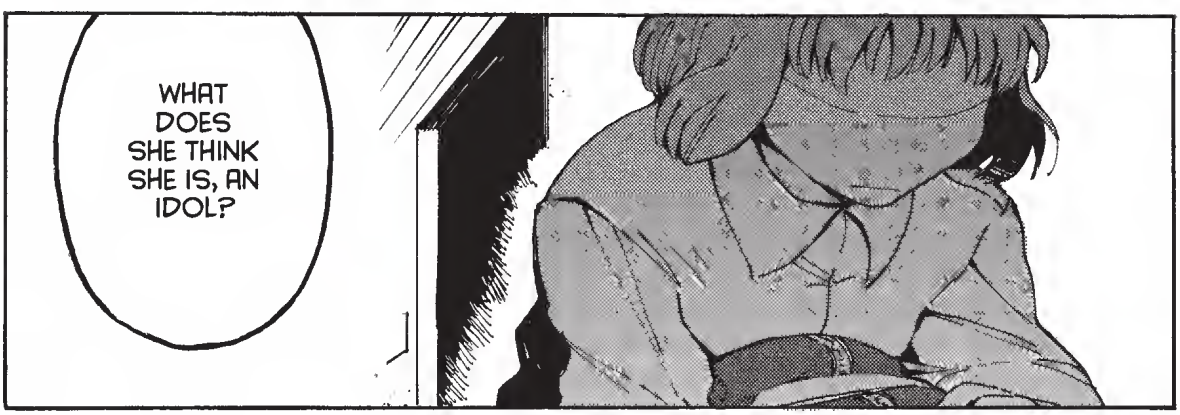
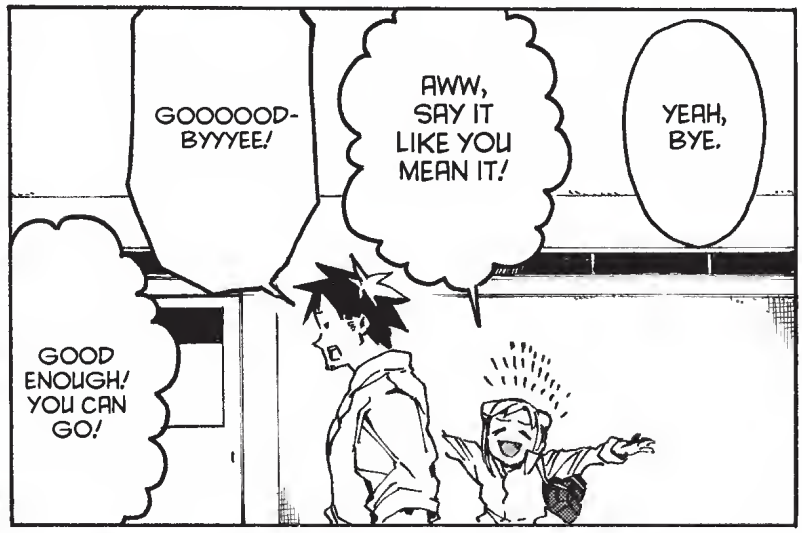

I'LL ADMIT SHE'S CUTE.

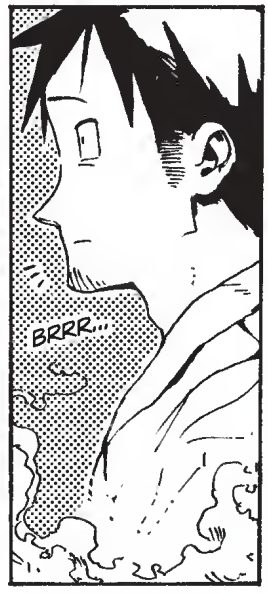

WHAT DOES SHE THINK SHE IS, AN IDOL?

SEN-
SEIIII
!
BYYE-
EEE!

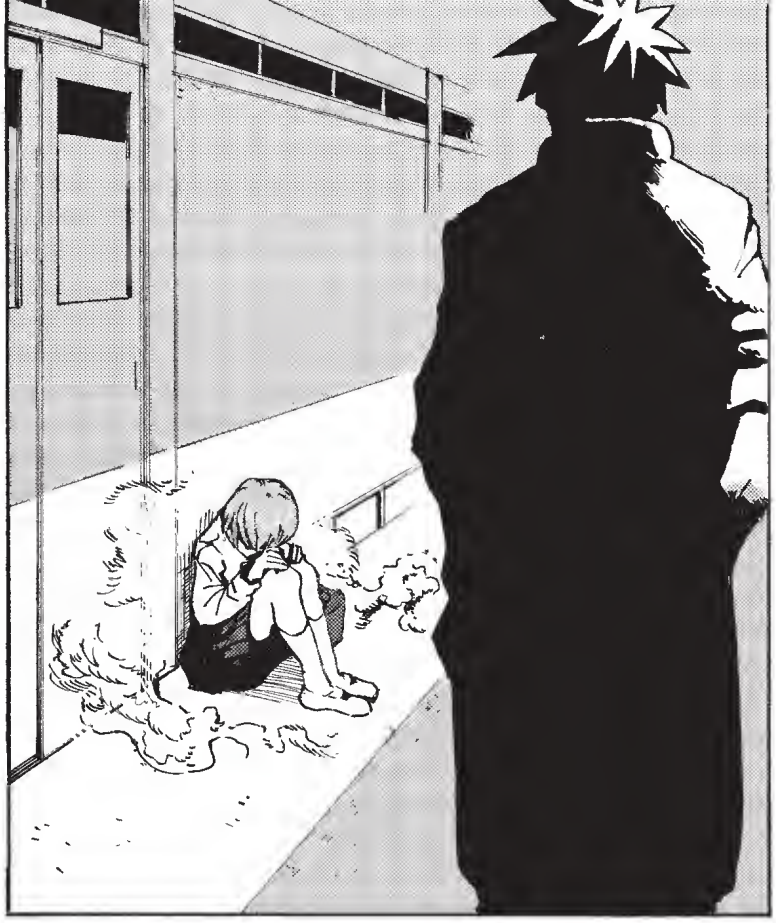
I KIND OF ENVY YOU. SO CARE-FREE.
I GUESS SO!


GOOOOOD-BYYYEE!
AWW, SAY IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT!
YEAH, BYE.
GOOD ENOUGH! YOU CAN GO!

HUH?
WHERE'S THAT CHILL COMING FROM...?

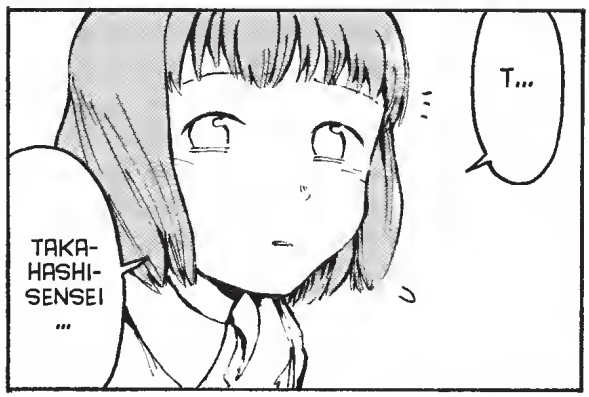

BRRR...

OKAY!!
GET HOME SAFE!
ダッ
DASH

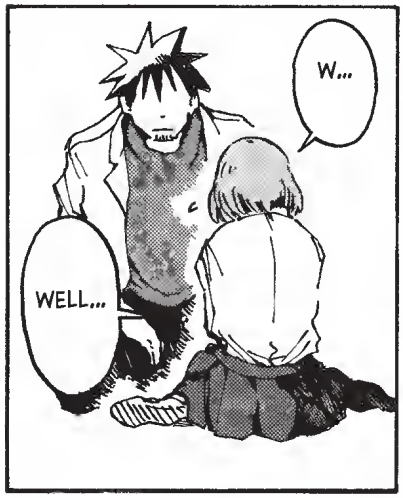


STEP...
...
COULD IT BE...?
STEP...

SCIENCE LAB


T...
TAKA-HASHI-SENSEI ...

KUSA-KABE...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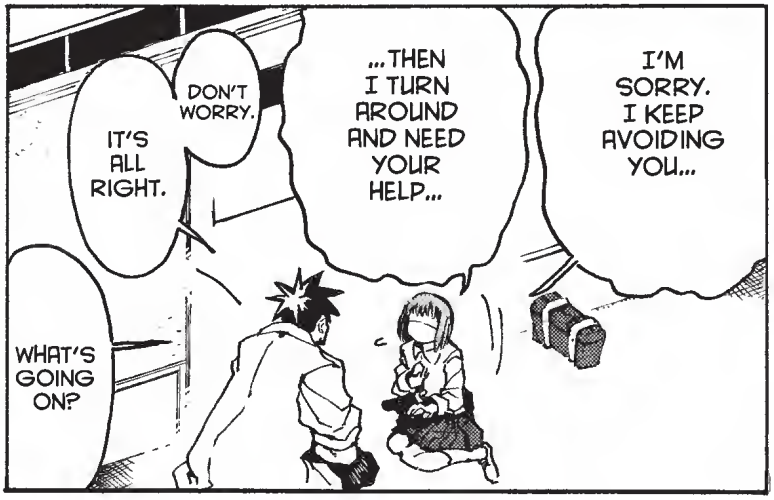
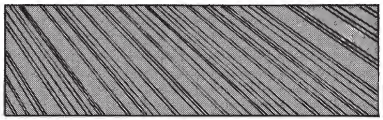
WELL...


I'M SORRY. I KEEP AVOIDING YOU...
...THEN I TURN AROUND AND NEED YOUR HELP...
DON'T WORRY. IT'S ALL RIGHT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?

I OVER-HEARD SOME...
...SOME GIRLS EARLIER ...
AND THEY WERE SAYING THESE NASTY THINGS...
...ABOUT ME.
I SEE...
SO THAT'S IT...
WELL... THAT'S HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS FOR YOU.
TEACHERS DEAL WITH THIS SORT OF THING ALL THE TIME.
A LITTLE GOSSIP IS THE BEST YOU CAN HOPE FOR.
BUT THAT'S A TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE. FOR HER, I'M SURE IT DOESN'T SEEM NEARLY SO SMALL.
I'LL HAVE TO TREAD GENTLY HERE...
AHEM!...

...
HUH?

...MAYBE THEY WOULDN'T ...
... THE WAY I AM...
IF I WEREN'T...
...MAKE ME FEEL THIS WAY...



KUSA-KABE,
RT'S ST—
IS IT BECAUSE I'M A DEMI...?

SNIFF...
HUG
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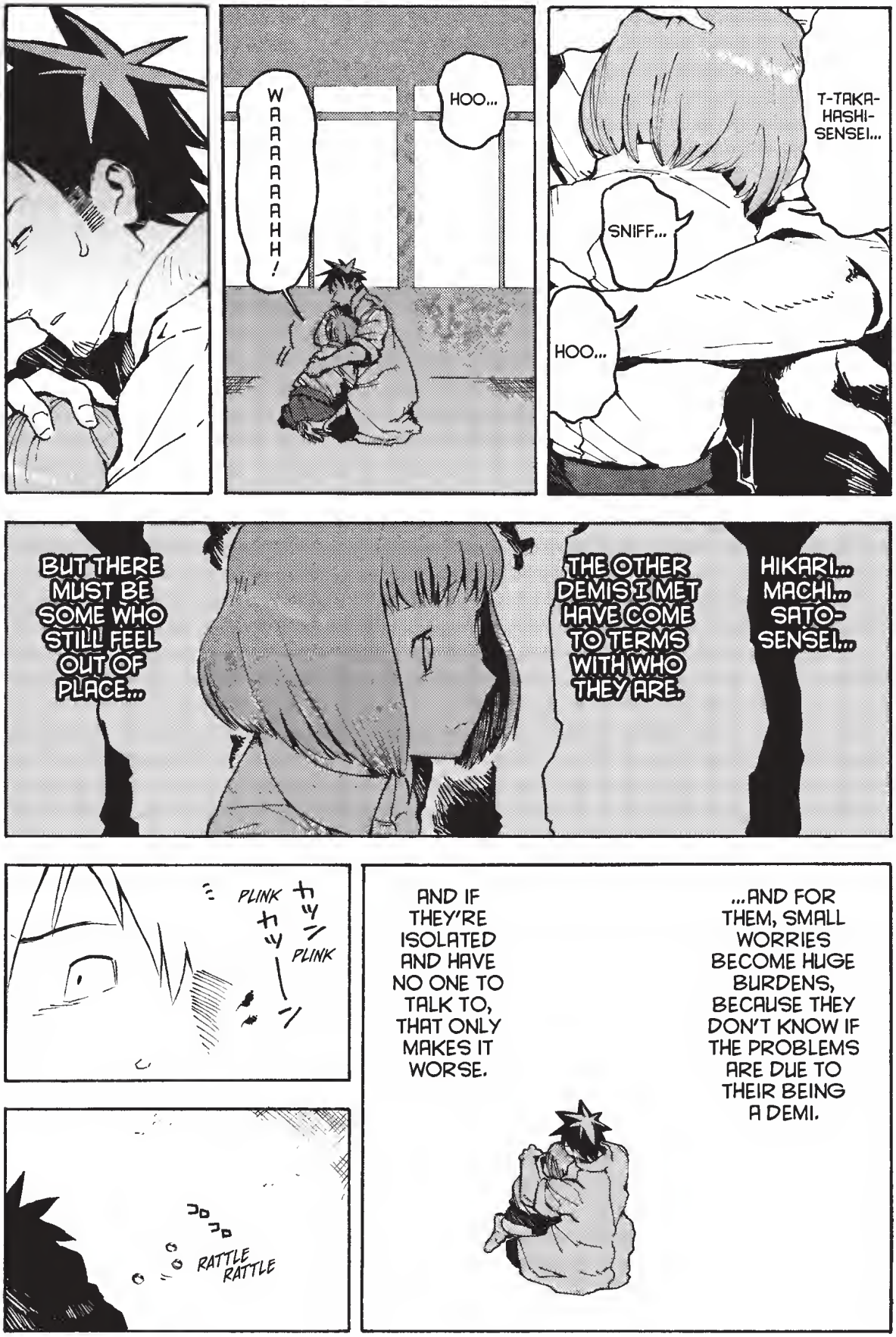
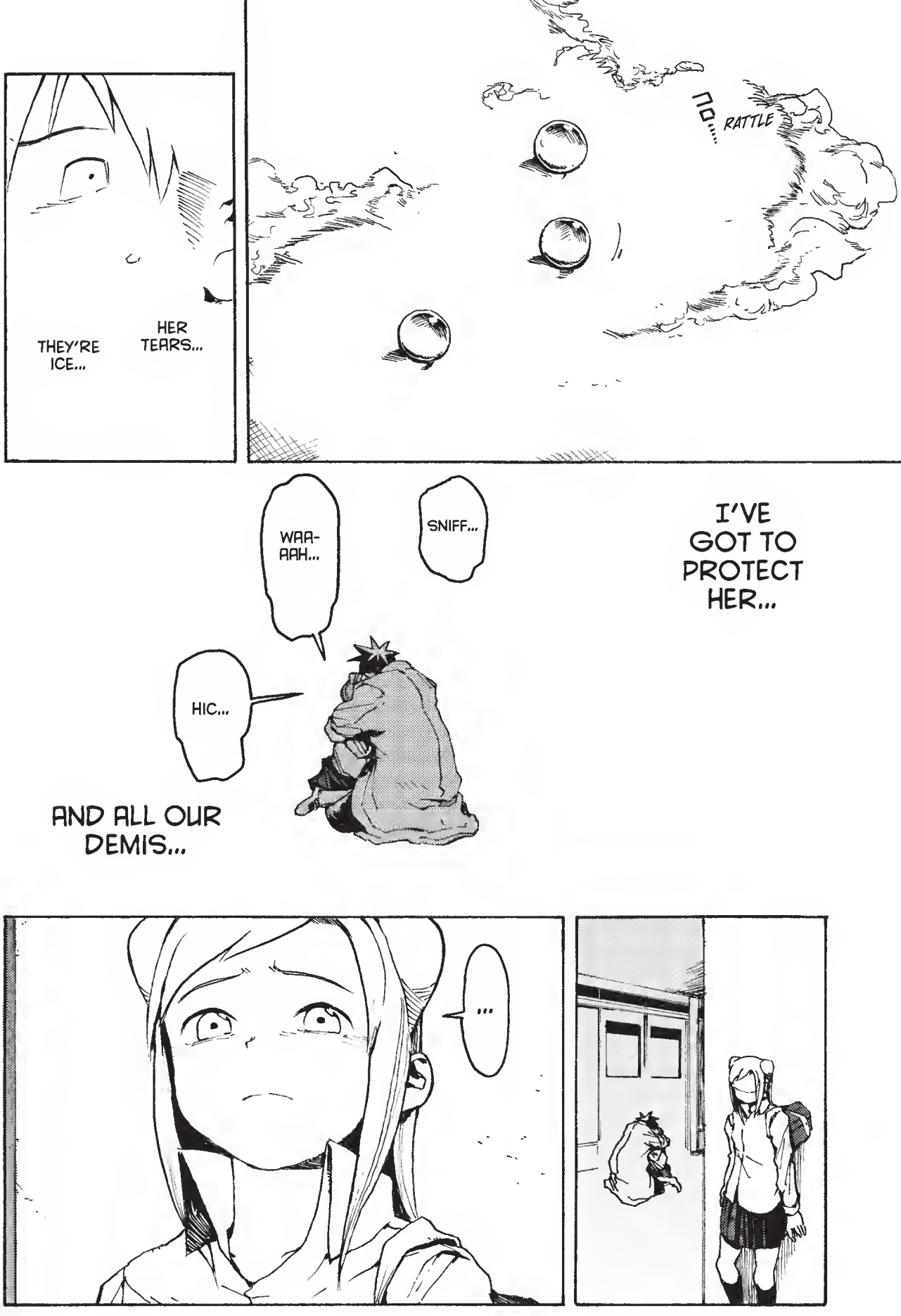
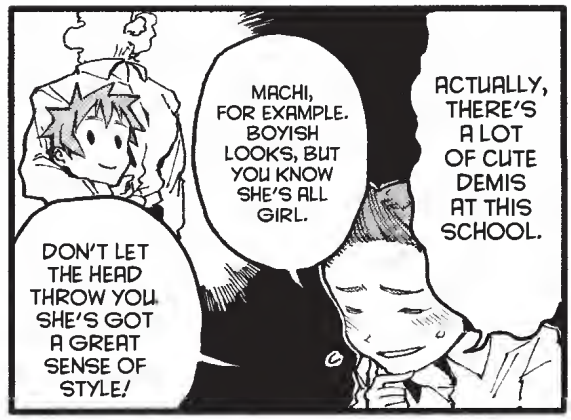
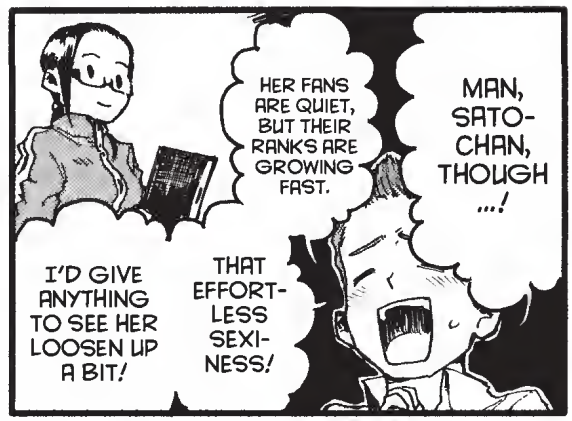
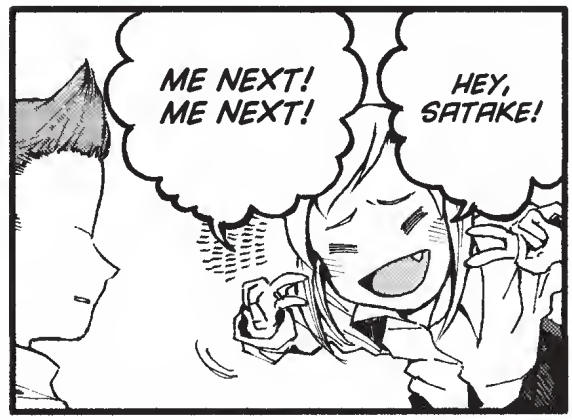
IT'S ALL RIGHT, KUSAKABE...
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.

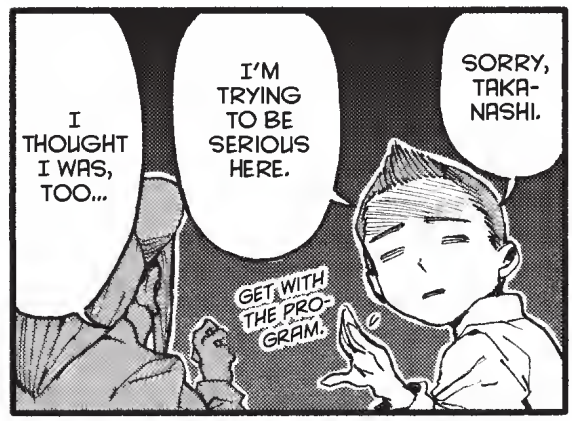

WAAAAAAAHH!
HOO...
T-TAKA-HASHI-SENSEI...
SNIFF...
HOO...
BUT THERE MUST BE SOME WHO STILL FEEL OUT OF PLACE...
THE OTHER DEMIS I MET HAVE COME TO TERMS WITH WHO THEY ARE.
HIKARI... MACHI... SATO-SENSEI...
PLINK
PLINK
RATTLE RATTLE
AND IF THEY'RE ISOLATED AND HAVE NO ONE TO TALK TO, THAT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE.
...AND FOR THEM, SMALL WORRIES BECOME HUGE BURDENS, BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW IF THE PROBLEMS ARE DUE TO THEIR BEING A DEMI.


THEY'RE ICE...
HER TEARS...
NO...
RATTLE
WAA-AAH...
SNIFF...
HIC...
AND ALL OUR DEMIS...
I'VE GOT TO PROTECT HER...
...
SAW


ACTUALLY, THERE'S A LOT OF CUTE DEMIS AT THIS SCHOOL.
MACHI, FOR EXAMPLE. BOYISH LOOKS, BUT YOU KNOW SHE'S ALL GIRL.
DON'T LET THE HEAD THROW YOU. SHE'S GOT A GREAT SENSE OF STYLE!

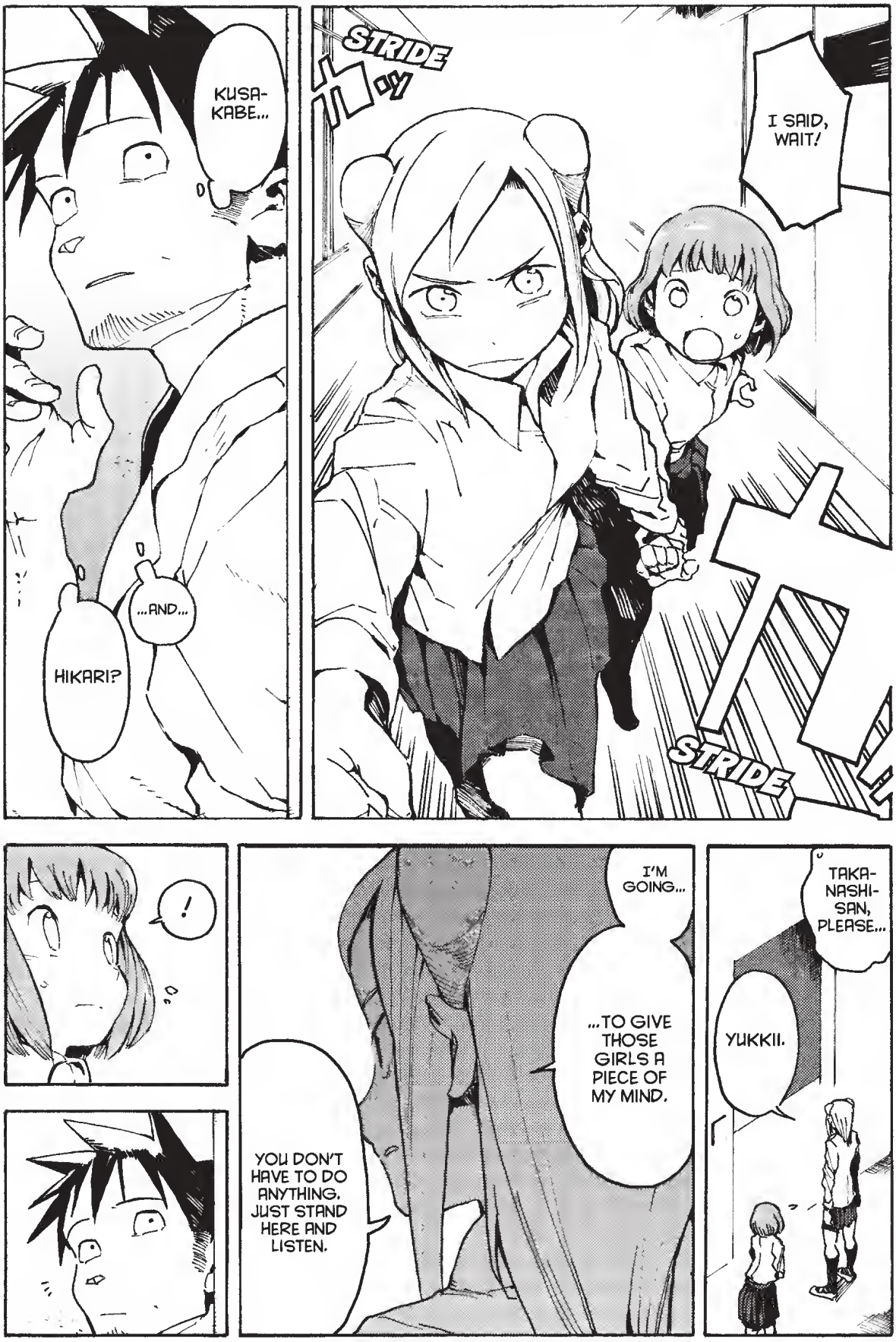

MAN, SATO-CHAN, THOUGH ...!
HER FANS ARE QUIET, BUT THEIR RANKS ARE GROWING FAST.
THAT EFFORT-LESS SEXI-NESS!
I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO SEE HER LOOSEN UP A BIT!


HEY, SATAKE!
ME NEXT! ME NEXT!

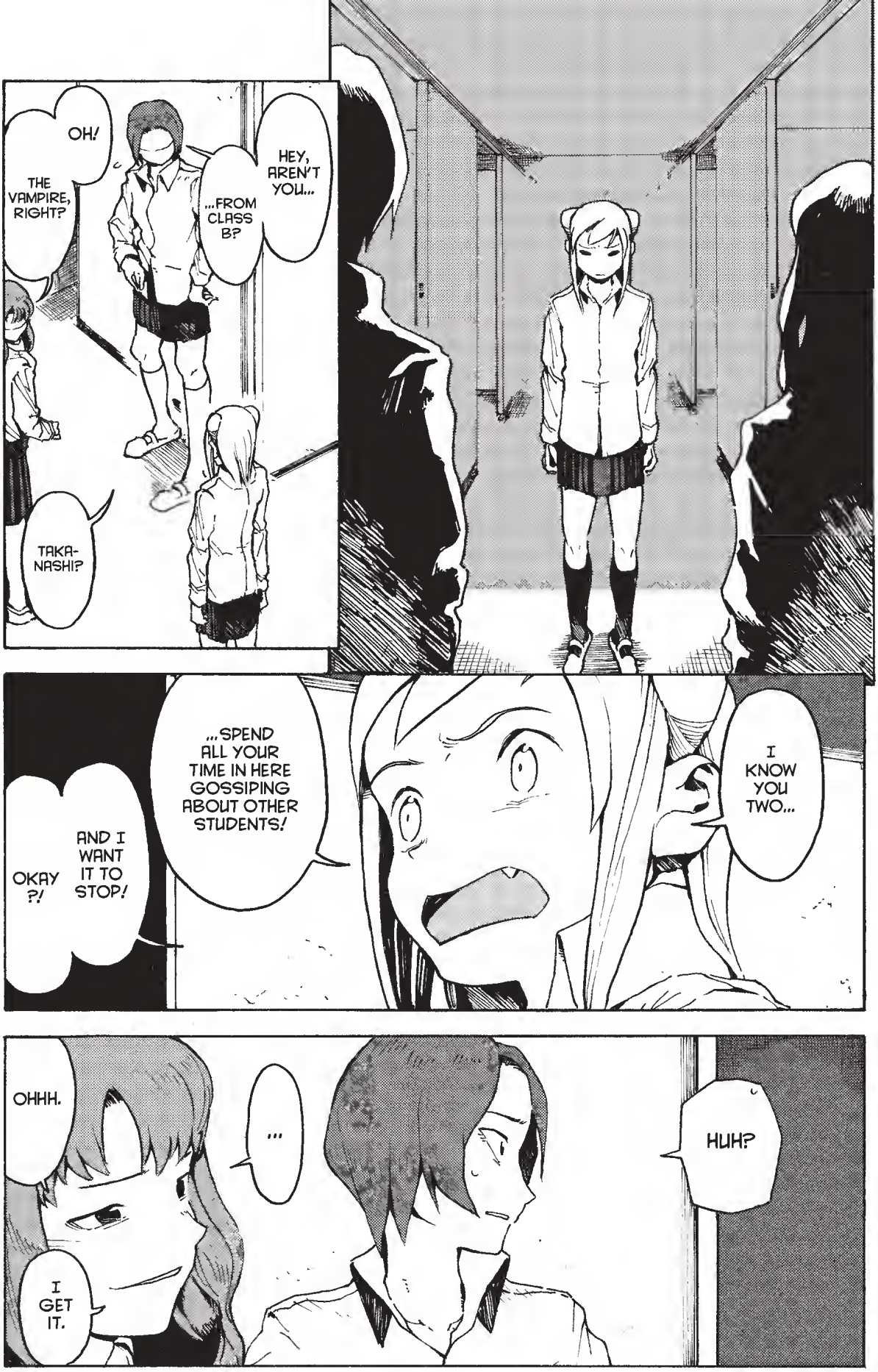

SORRY, TAKA-NASHI.
I'M TRYING TO BE SERIOUS HERE.
I THOUGHT I WAS, TOO...
GET WITH THE PRO-GRAM.

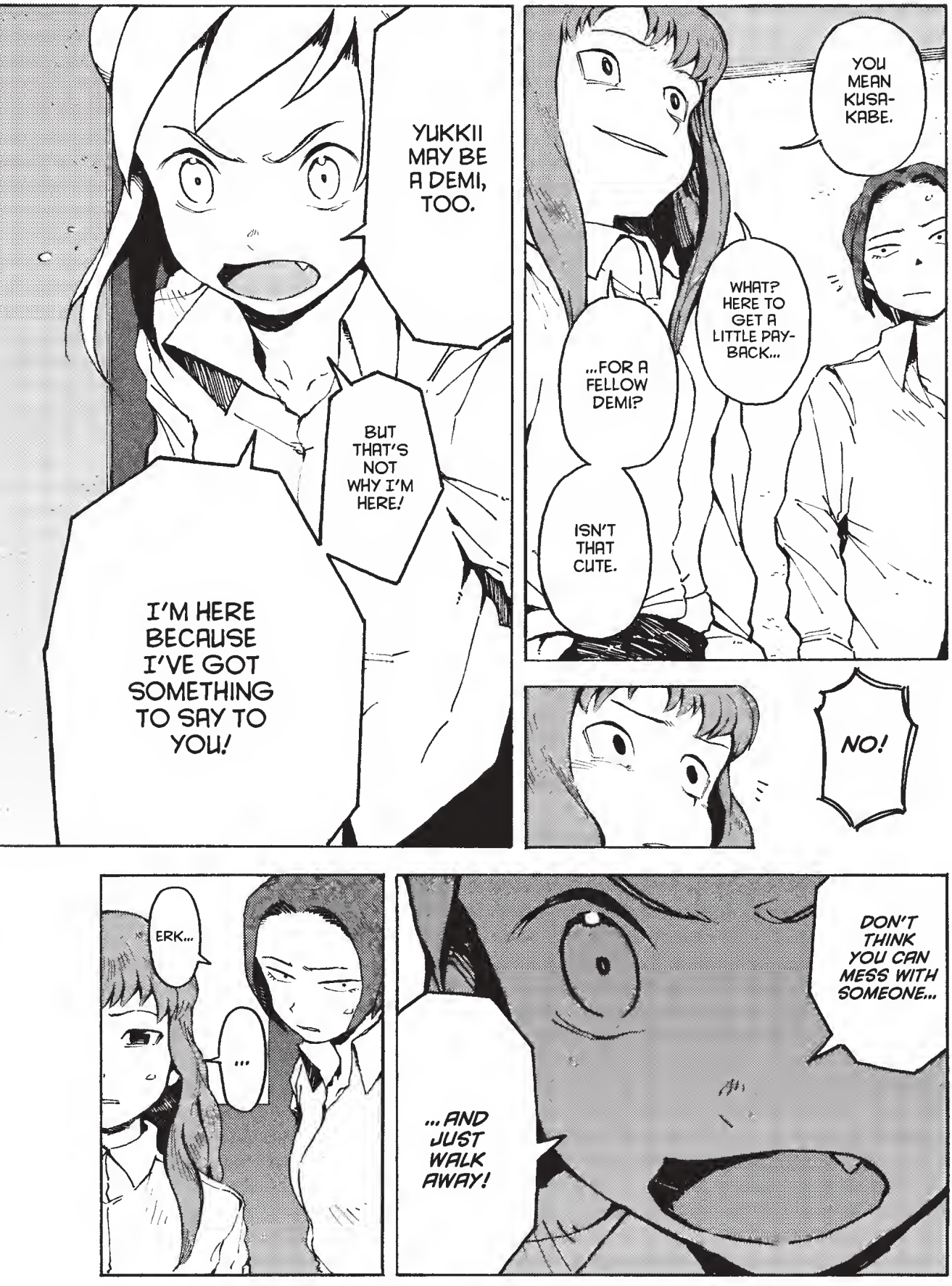
INTERVIEWS WITH MONSTER GIRLS

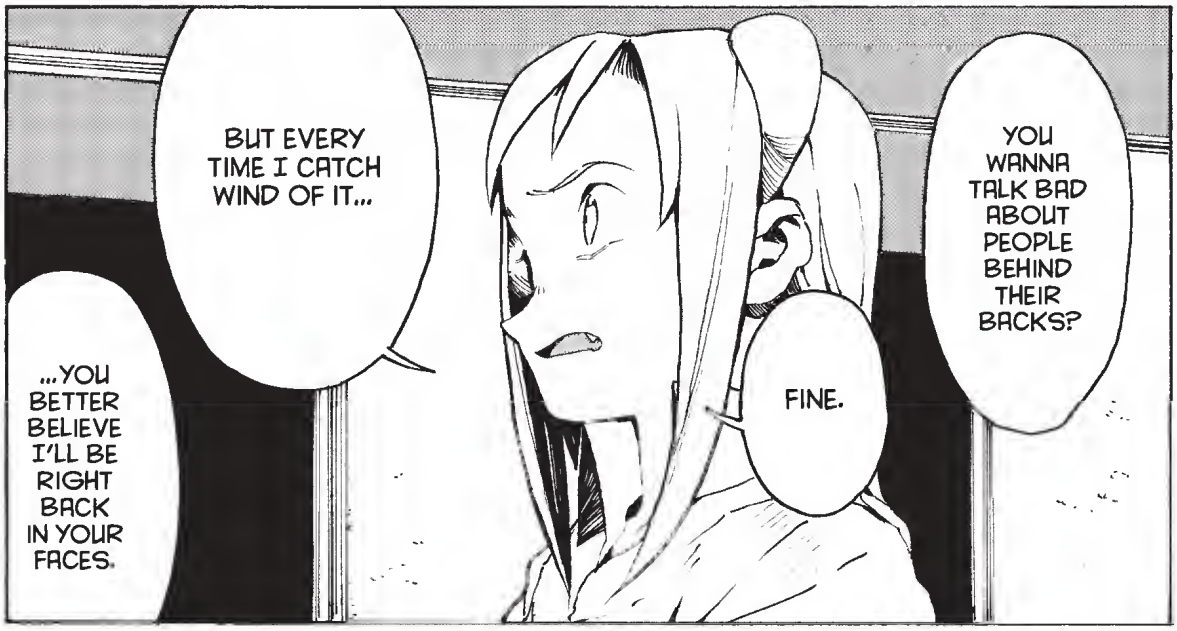
...ARE THE TYPE WHO DO IT TO EVERYONE.
STEP
STEP
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE GIRLS WHO WERE BADMOUTHING KUSAKABE...
...BUT I KNOW THAT'S A LOT TO ASK FROM A HIGH-SCHOOL GIRL.
I'D LIKE TO TELL HER NOT TO LET THAT SORT OF THING GET TO HER...
...OOP.
L
THIS IS THE BATHROOM WHERE KUSAKABE SAID SHE OVERHEARD THOSE GIRLS...
I CAN COMFORT KUSAKABE, BUT I CAN HARDLY TELL THOSE GIRLS NOT TO TALK ABOUT HER...
STEP
STEP
...BUT ALSO WON'T CONFRONT THEIR VICTIM DIRECTLY.
THEY FEEL BAD ABOUT THEM-SELVES...
PEOPLE DO THAT SORT OF THING OUT OF A WEAKNESS OF HEART.
TAKA-NASHI-SAN!
WAIT!
NOW, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...

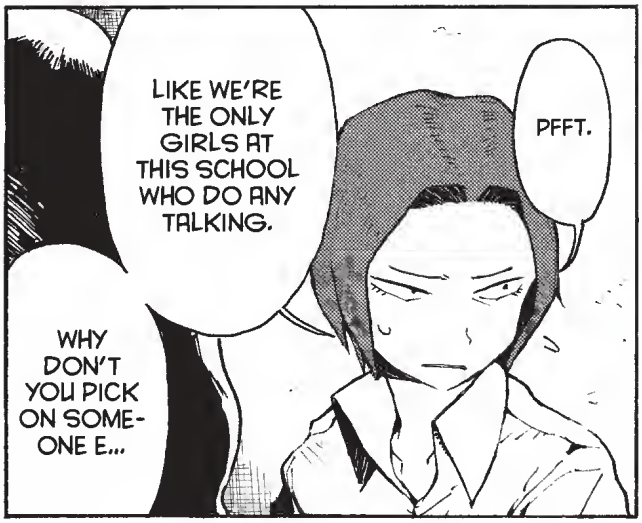

KUSA-KABE...
...AND...
HIKARI?
STRIDE
I SAID, WAIT!
STRIDE
!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. JUST STAND HERE AND LISTEN.
I'M GOING...
...TO GIVE THOSE GIRLS A PIECE OF MY MIND.
TAKA-NASHI-SAN, PLEASE...
YUKKII.

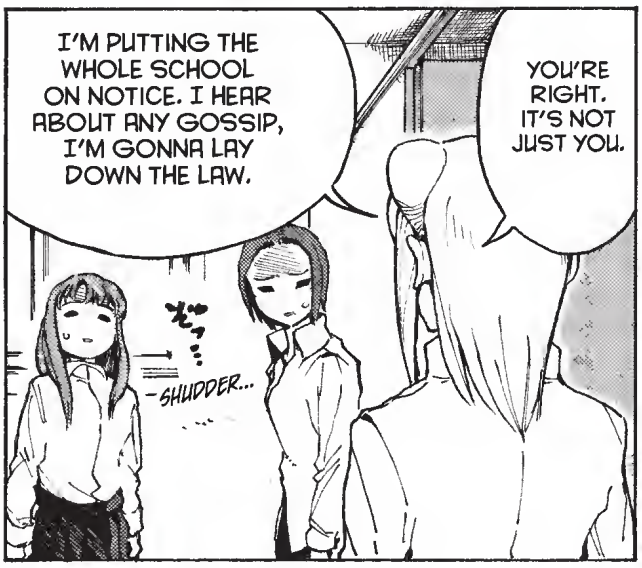
I'LL LET YOU DECIDE...
...WHAT TO DO AFTER THAT.
DIDJA HEAR ...?
WHAT? WHAT?

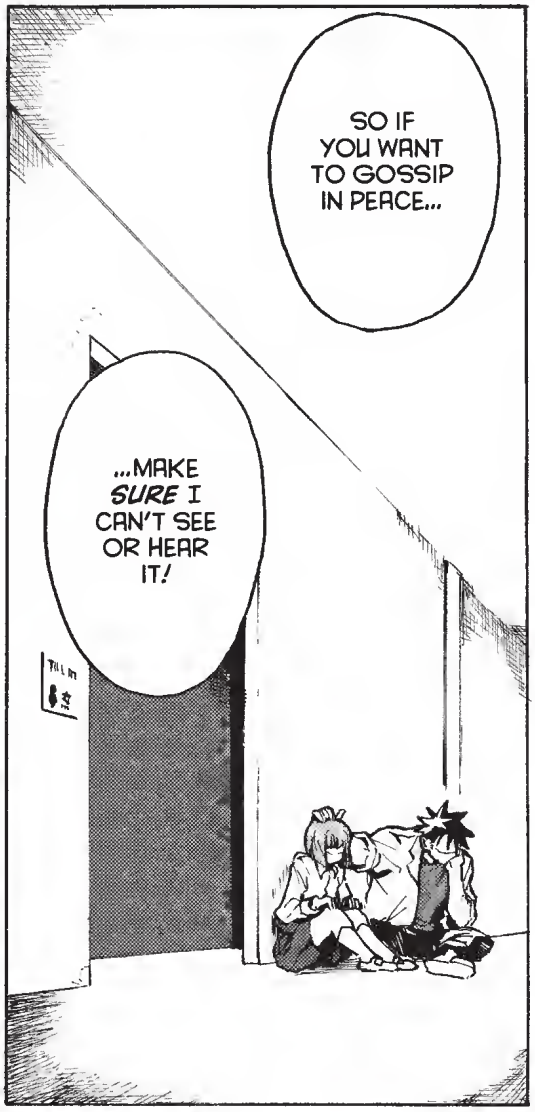

HEY, AREN'T YOU...
...FROM CLASS B?
OH!
THE VAMPIRE, RIGHT?
TAKA-NASHI?
I KNOW YOU TWO...
...SPEND ALL YOUR TIME IN HERE GOSSIPING ABOUT OTHER STUDENTS!
AND I WANT IT TO STOP!
OKAY ?!
HUH?
...
OHHH.
I GET IT.


YUKKII MAY BE A DEMI, TOO.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE!
I'M HERE BECAUSE I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU!
YOU MEAN KUSA-KABE.
WHAT? HERE TO GET A LITTLE PAY-BACK...
...FOR A FELLOW DEMI?
ISN'T THAT CUTE.
NO!
ERK...
...
...AND JUST WALK AWAY!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN MESS WITH SOMEONE...

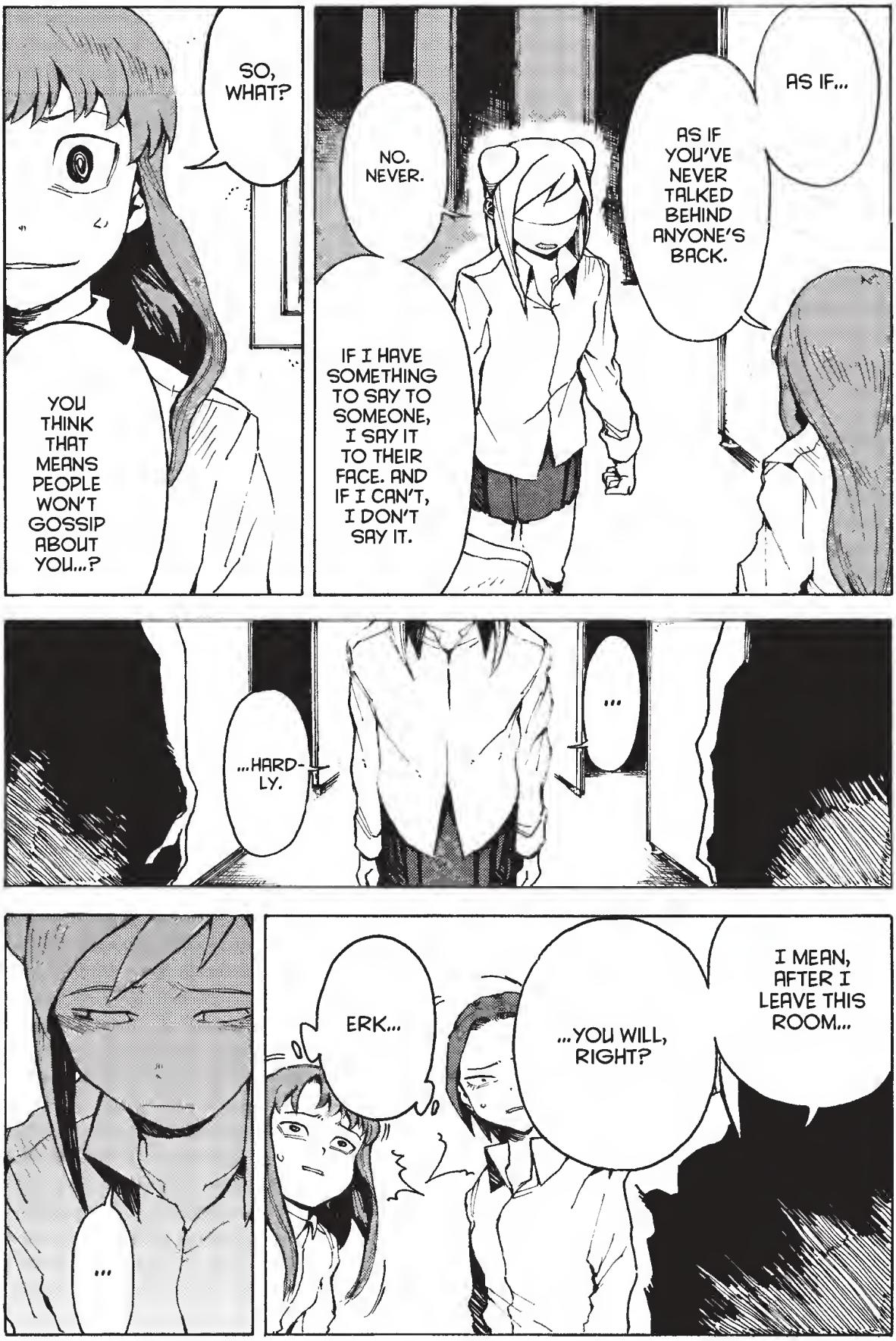

BUT EVERY TIME I CATCH WIND OF IT...
...YOU BETTER BELIEVE I'LL BE RIGHT BACK IN YOUR FACES.
YOU WANNA TALK BAD ABOUT PEOPLE BEHIND THEIR BACKS?
FINE.

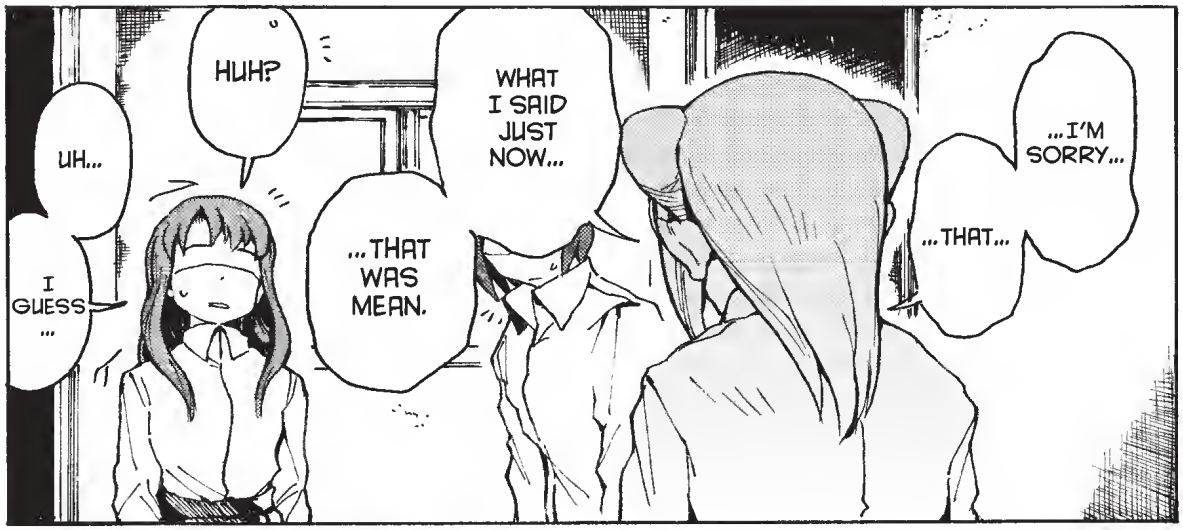

LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY GIRLS AT THIS SCHOOL WHO DO ANY TALKING.
PFFT.
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOME-ONE E...


I'M PUTTING THE WHOLE SCHOOL ON NOTICE. I HEAR ABOUT ANY GOSSIP, I'M GONNA LAY DOWN THE LAW.
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S NOT JUST YOU.
-SHUDDER...


SO IF YOU WANT TO GOSSIP IN PEACE...
...MAKE *SURE* I CAN'T SEE OR HEAR IT!

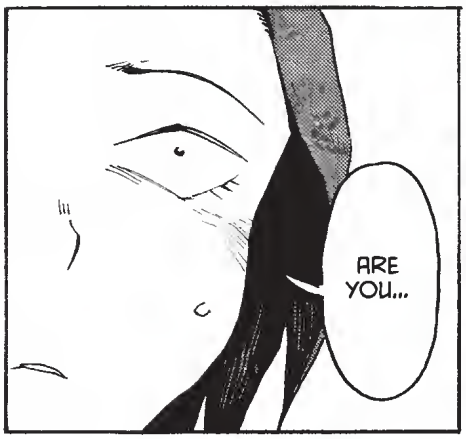
NEWS FLASH: EVERYBODY GOSSIPS!
YEAH? WELL, YOU'RE GONNA BE AWFULLY BUSY.
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!
EVERYBODY'S HURTING EACH OTHER, SO YOU'LL JUST JOIN IN.
DO YOU THINK ANYONE LIKES TO BE TALKED ABOUT?
...!
OH, EVERY-BODY DOES IT, HUH?
SCREW THAT!

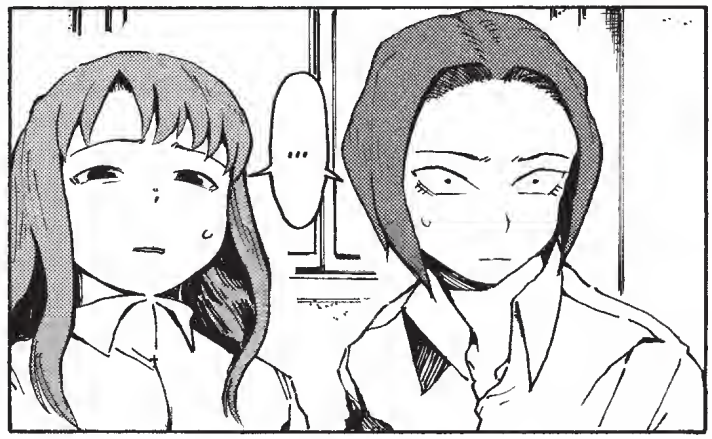

SO, WHAT?
YOU THINK THAT MEANS PEOPLE WON'T GOSSIP ABOUT YOU...?
NO. NEVER.
IF I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO SOMEONE, I SAY IT TO THEIR FACE. AND IF I CAN'T, I DON'T SAY IT.
AS IF...
AS IF YOU'VE NEVER TALKED BEHIND ANYONE'S BACK.
...
...HARD-LY.
...
ERK...
...YOU WILL, RIGHT?
I MEAN, AFTER I LEAVE THIS ROOM...


HUH?
WHAT I SAID JUST NOW...
...I'M SORRY...
UH...
...THAT...
I GUESS...
...THAT WAS MEAN.

...I WOULDN'T DO ANY-THING...
BUT I PROMISED MYSELF...
...THAT MADE ME FEEL GUILTY.
EVEN IF PEOPLE RESENT ME FOR IT...
SO I CAN HOLD MY HEAD HIGH.

OF COURSE EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT...
...THE PEOPLE WHO WON'T GOSSIP.
IF ANY-THING, THEY'RE EASY TARGETS, RIGHT?


ARE YOU...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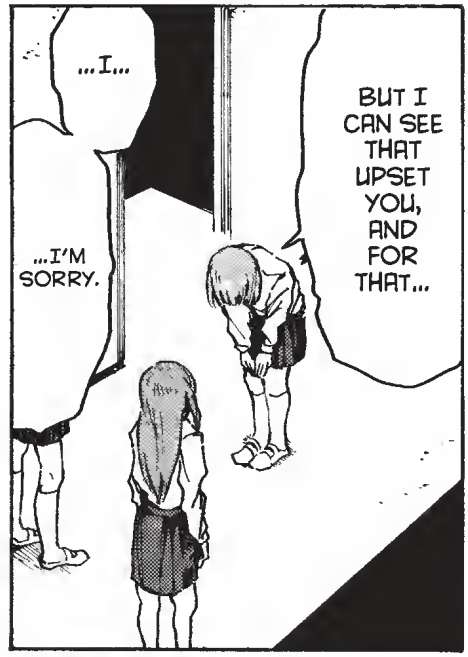
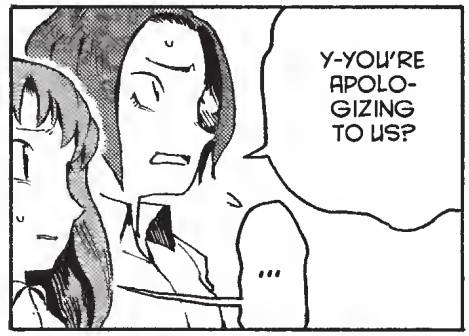
SORRY. I SAID WHAT I CAME HERE TO SAY...
RUB RUB
...!
SO I...
I'LL GO NOW.
... CRYING...?
...
...I MADE A PROMISE.
BE-CAUSE ...
WHY GO OUT OF YOUR WAY...?
WHY, THOUGH?
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT...I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY COOL... THAT YOU SAID IT.
HEY... THAT STUFF YOU SAID...

I PROMISED...
...MY LITTLE SISTER...
YOUR SISTER ...?
WAIT... HIMA...?

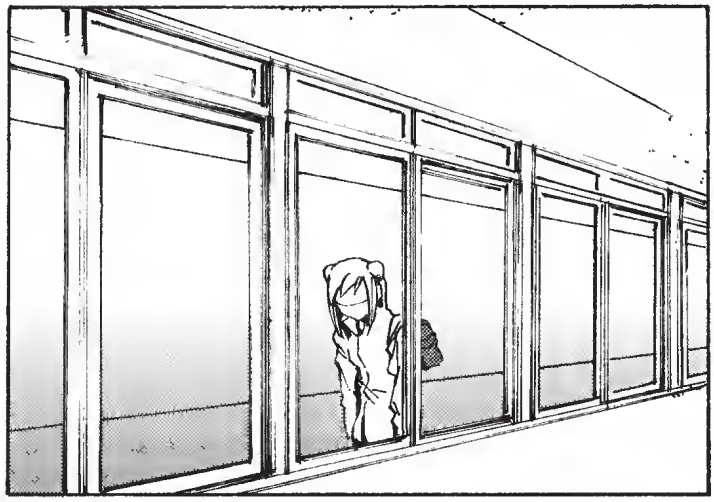
K...
KUSA-KABE...
S-SOME-TIMES...IT'S HARD FOR ME TO ACCEPT THAT I'M A DEMI.
SO SOMETIMES I JUST... AVOID EVERY-ONE...
?!
BOW!!
I'M SO SORRY!

HEY...
WE'RE SORRY, TOO.


...I...
...I'M SORRY.
BUT I CAN SEE THAT UPSET YOU, AND FOR THAT...


Y-YOU'RE APOLO-GIZING TO US?
...

RUB RUB



WAIT A...
WHA-
?!
WHAM!
HEY!
HOW ABOUT WE GET A SNACK? MY TREAT!
FEELING HUNGRY?
DON'T TOUCH MY HAIR BUNS, THAT HURTS!
OWOW-OWOW!
WHOOPS, SORRY!
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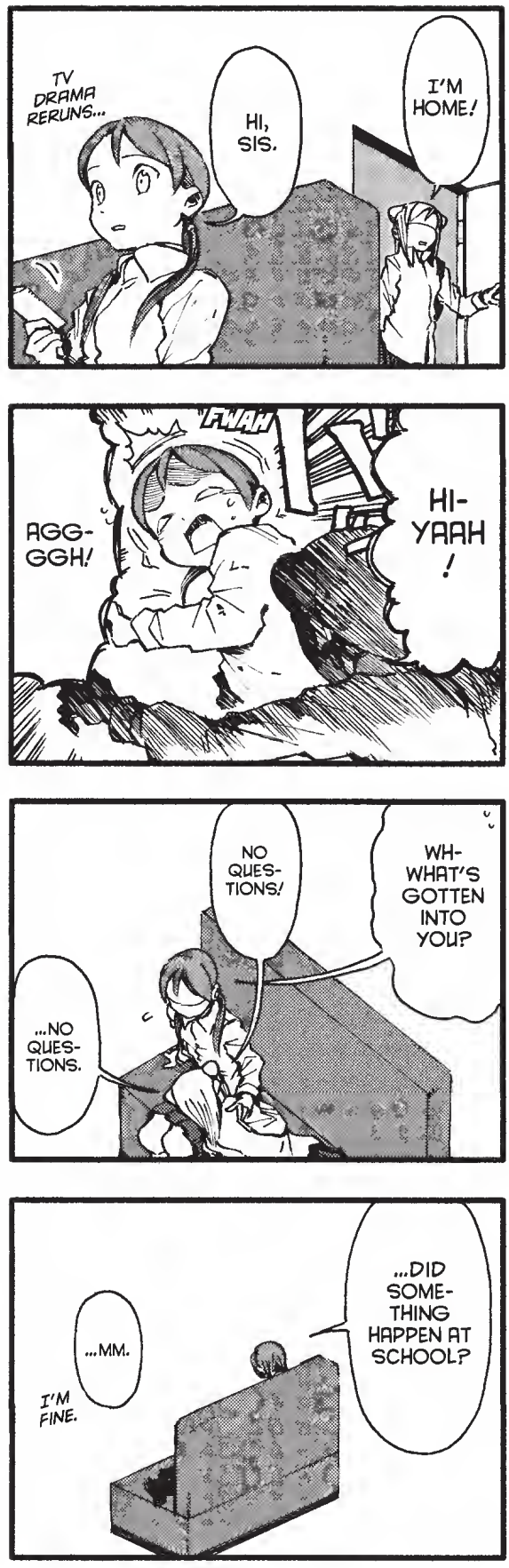
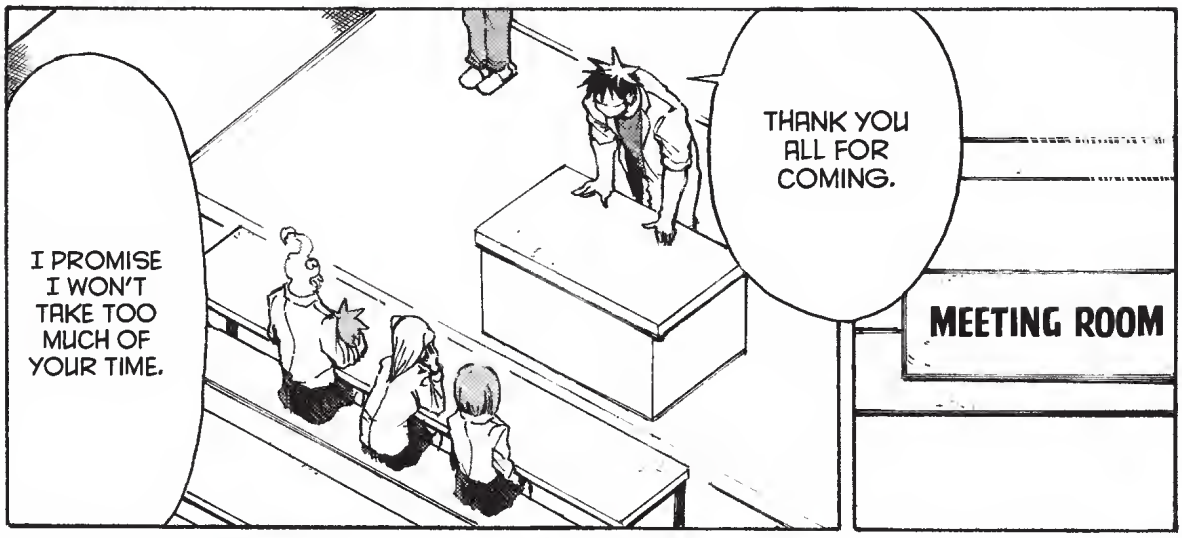
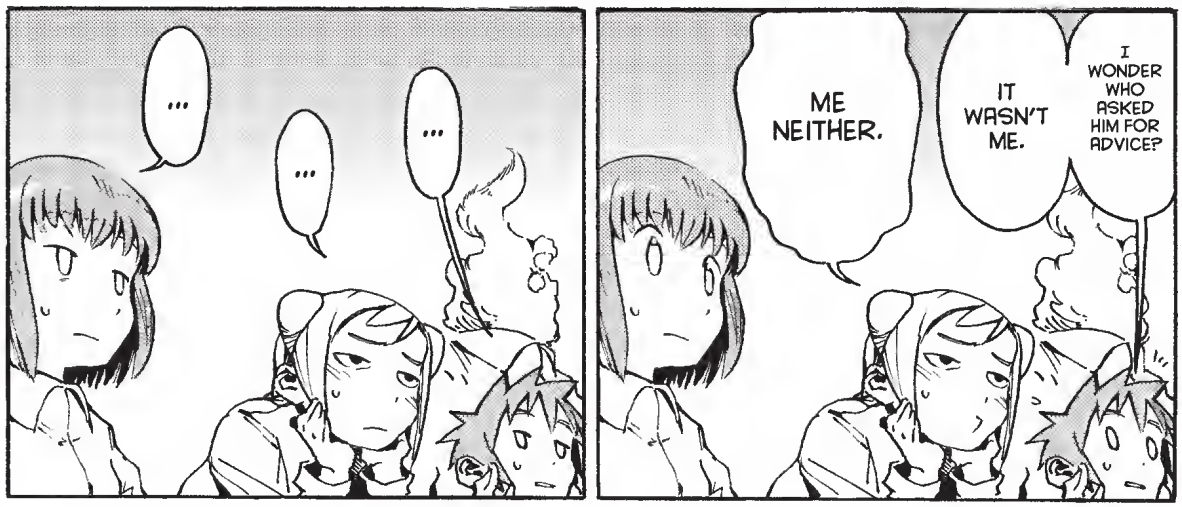
PAT THE BACK OF MY HEAD! THE BACK!


TV DRAMA RERUNS...
HI, SIS.
I'M HOME!
AGG-GGH!
HI-YAAH!
NO QUES-TIONS!
WH-WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
...NO QUES-TIONS.
...DID SOME-THING HAPPEN AT SCHOOL?
...MM.
I'M FINE.

INTERVIEWS WITH MONSTER GIRLS


THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.
MEETING ROOM
I PROMISE I WON'T TAKE TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME.

THE OTHER DAY, A STUDENT CAME TO ME FOR ADVICE...
...AND IT GOT ME THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL.
SATO-SENSEI INCLUDED.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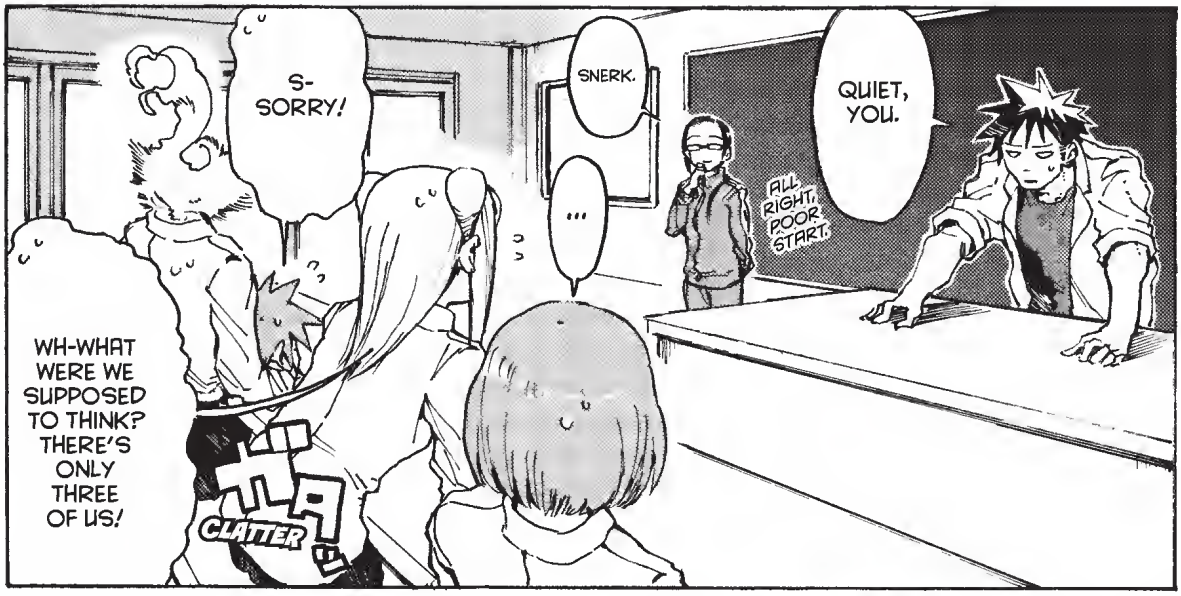
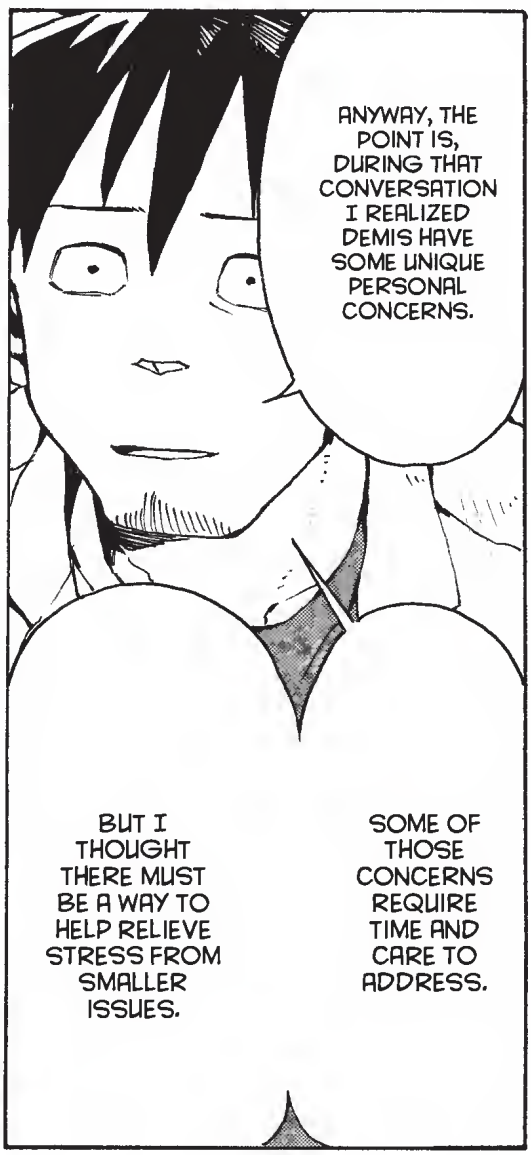
...
I WONDER WHO ASKED HIM FOR ADVICE?
IT WASN'T ME.
ME NEITHER.

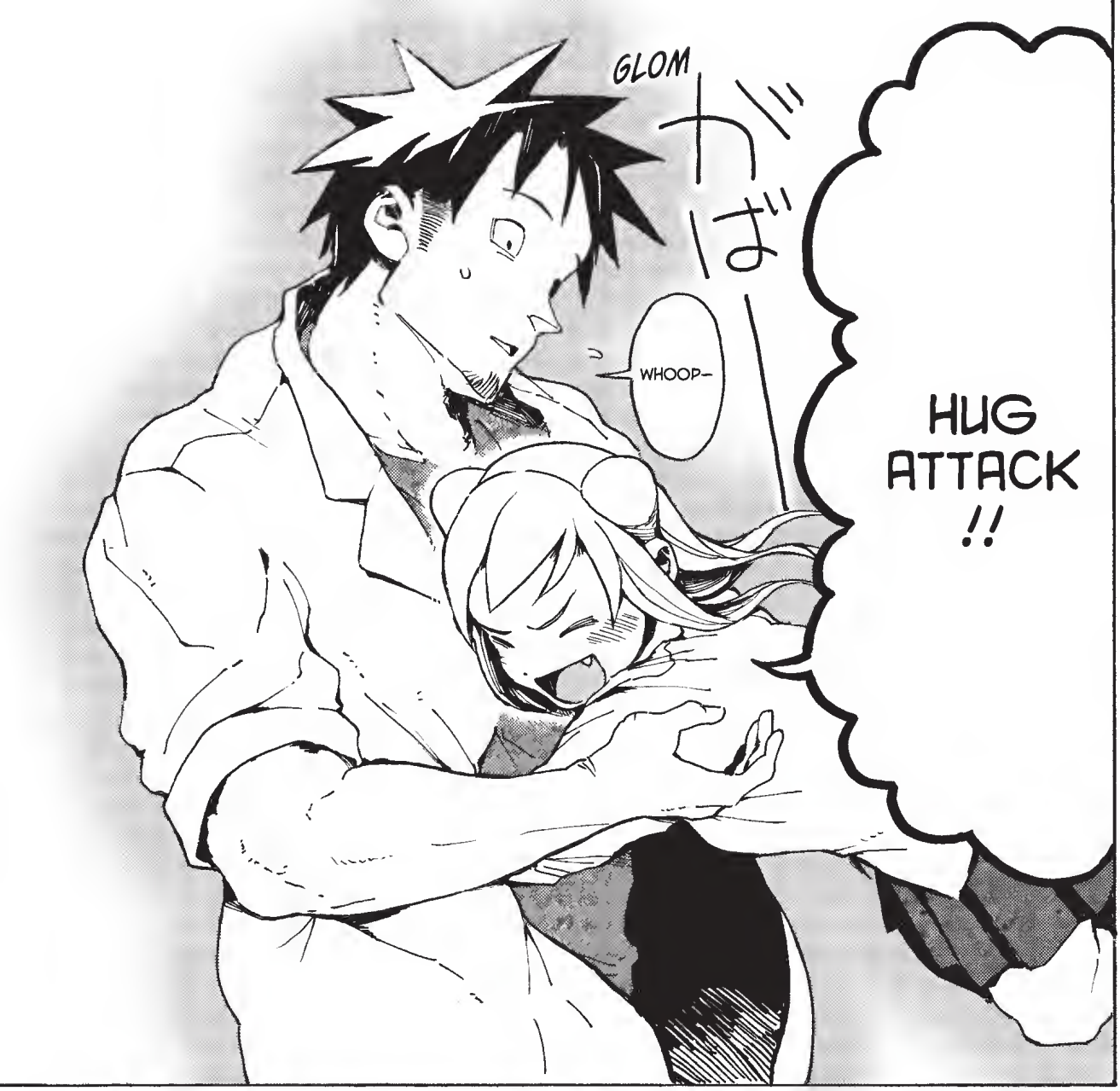

S-SORRY!
SNERK.
...
QUIET, YOU.
ALL RIGHT, POOR START.
WH-WHAT WERE WE SUPPOSED TO THINK? THERE'S ONLY THREE OF US!
CLATTER

I THINK THE ANSWER IS FOR YOU GIRLS TO HELP EACH OTHER OUT.
I'LL BET NO OTHER SCHOOL HAS AS MANY DEMIS AS WE DO...EVEN IF, AS HIKARI SAYS, THERE ARE JUST A FEW OF YOU.
ALL THE MORE REASON TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

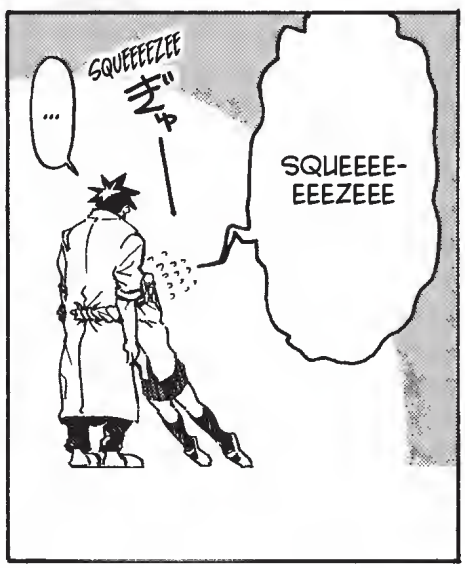

ANYWAY, THE POINT IS, DURING THAT CONVERSATION I REALIZED DEMIS HAVE SOME UNIQUE PERSONAL CONCERNS.
SOME OF THOSE CONCERNS REQUIRE TIME AND CARE TO ADDRESS.
BUT I THOUGHT THERE MUST BE A WAY TO HELP RELIEVE STRESS FROM SMALLER ISSUES.

...
I DON'T THINK YOU COULD FIND A BETTER ALLY.
YOU'RE VERY LUCKY.
I THINK SATO-SENSEI, BEING BOTH A DEMI AND A WOMAN LIKE ALL OF YOU ARE, WILL BE AN ESPECIALLY GOOD RESOURCE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS YOU AREN'T COMFORTABLE BRINGING TO YOUR FRIENDS, FEEL FREE TO TALK TO ME OR SATO-SENSEI.
HANDS UP!
HA HA! I KNOW, IT'S HARD TO THINK OF SOMETHING ON THE SPOT.
ON THAT NOTE, ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING THEY WANT TO ASK ABOUT?
I DO!
SO I GUESS THAT'LL BE ALL FOR—
NOT MUCH TO IT.
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.
JUST WANTED EVERYONE TO BE HERE IN PERSON TO HEAR IT AND THINK ABOUT IT.
YEAH, SURE...
I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR SOME ADVICE MYSELF...

...
HUH?
SENSEI... EVERY-ONE'S GOTTEN HUGS FROM YOU BUT ME!
ME!
?
HUGGED
HUGGED


GLOM
ガバッ
WHOOP-
HUG ATTACK !!

BUH?
HA HA HA!
HEH HEH HEH!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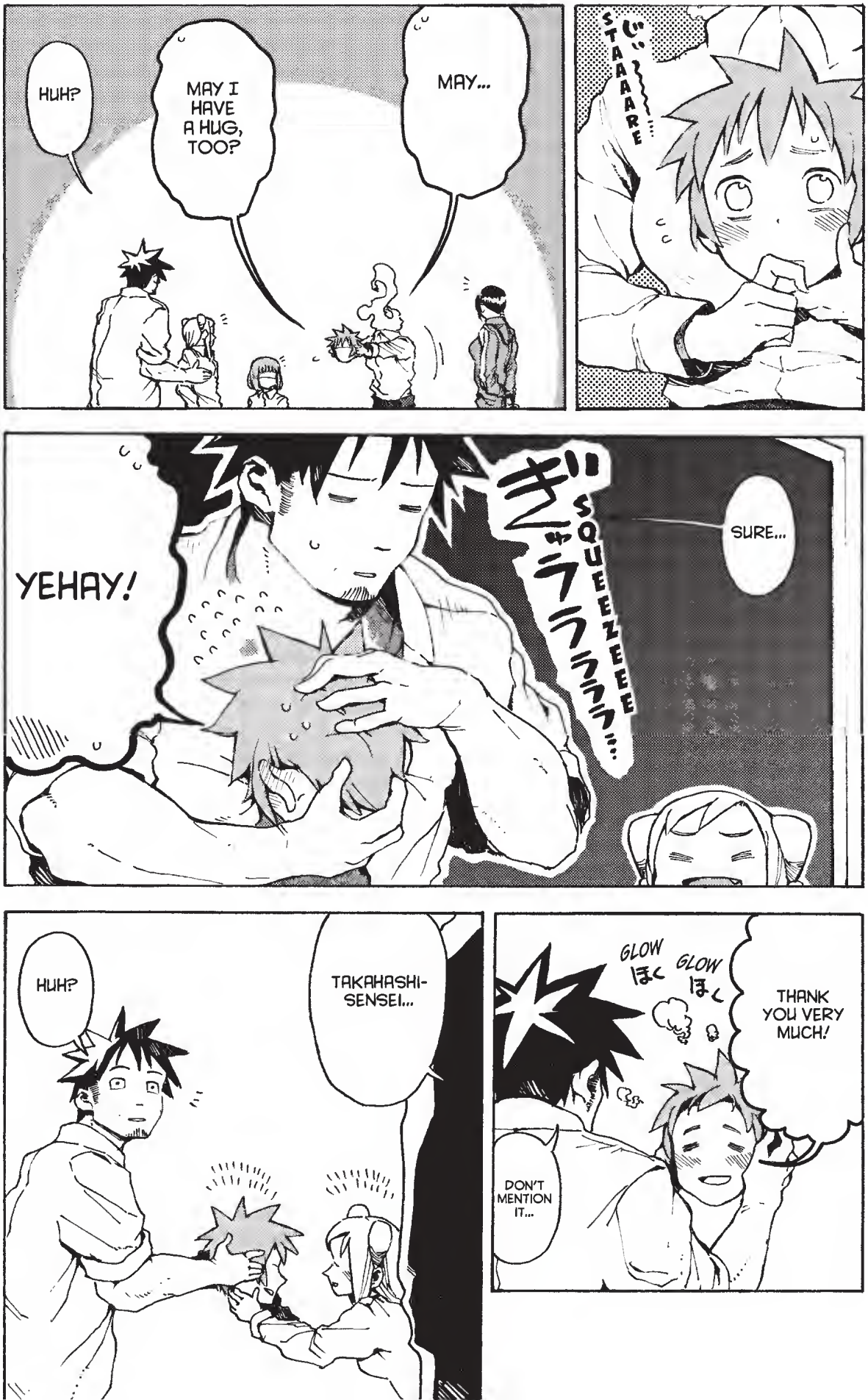
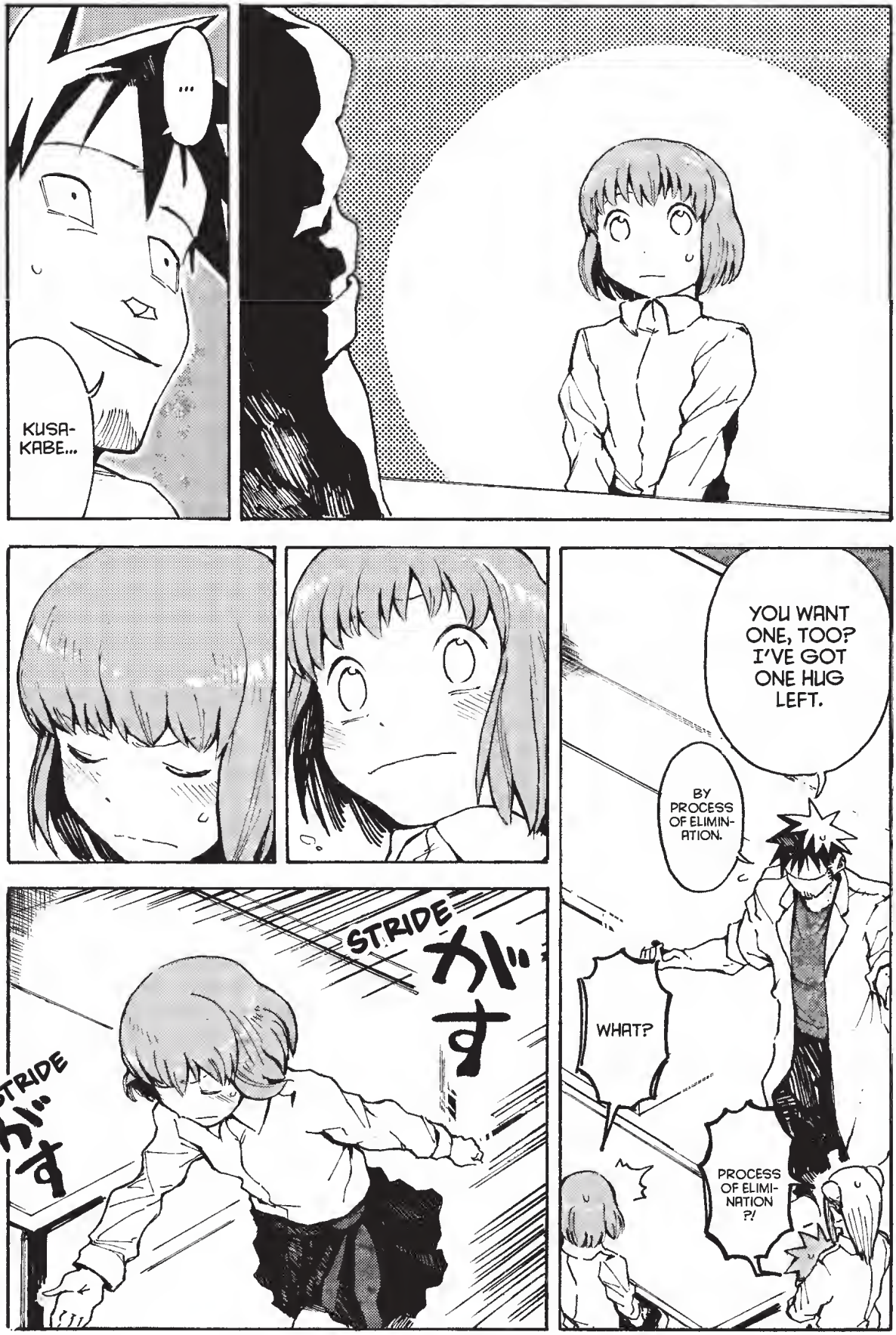
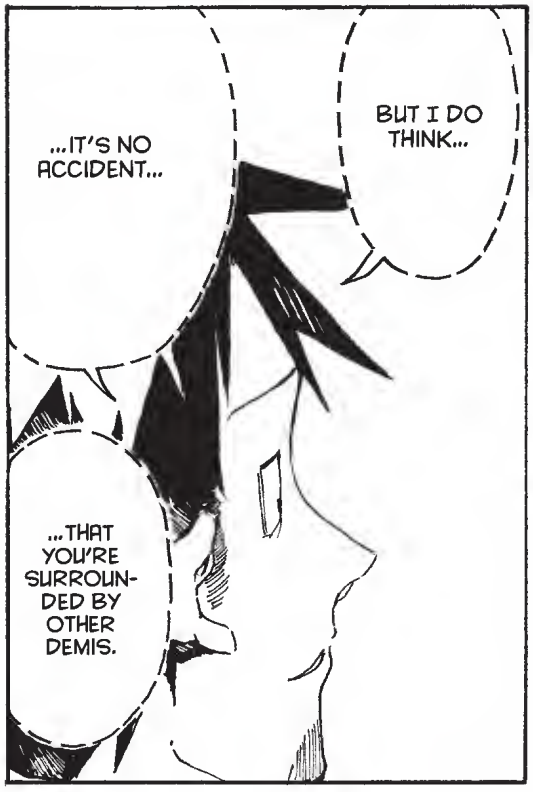
SQUEEEEZEE ギュー
SQUEEEE-EEEZEEE

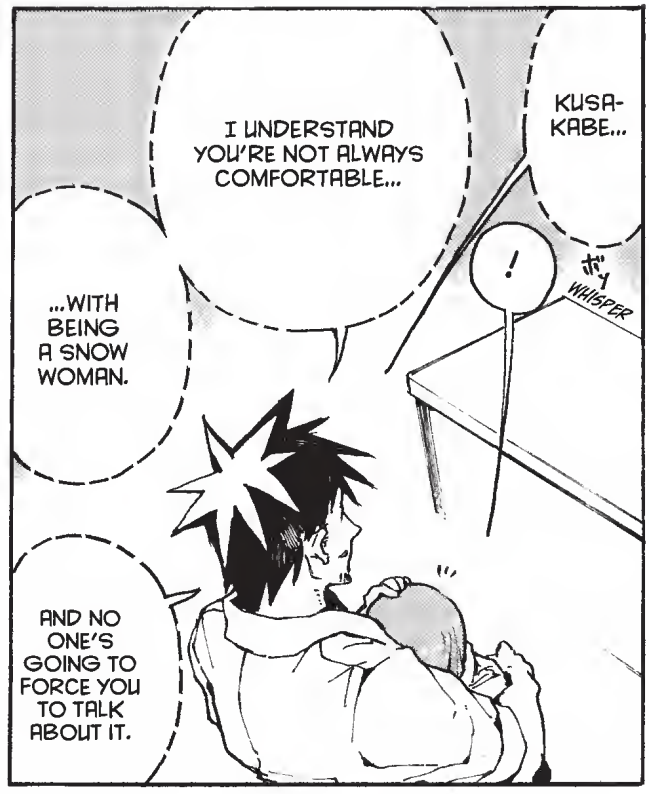

HUH?
MAY I HAVE A HUG, TOO?
MAY...
じぃ～
STAAARE...
YEHAY!
ギュラララララ...
SQUEEZEEEE
SURE...
HUH?
TAKAHASHI-SENSEI...
GLOW ほく
GLOW ほく
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
DON'T MENTION IT...

COULD I G-GET A–?
M-MAYBE WE'D BETTER NOT...
...YOU'RE RIGHT...
AWW...


...
KUSA-KABE...
YOU WANT ONE, TOO? I'VE GOT ONE HUG LEFT.
BY PROCESS OF ELIMIN-ATION.
WHAT?
PROCESS OF ELIMI-NATION ?!
STRIDE
ガッ
STRIDE
ガッ

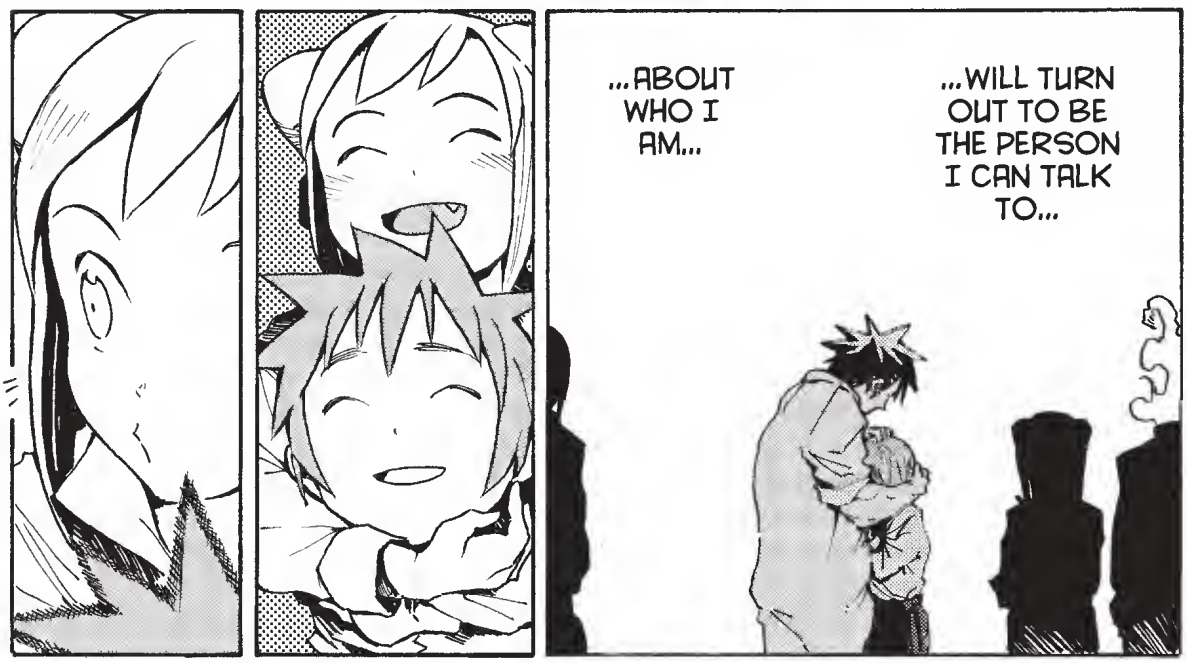
HUG...

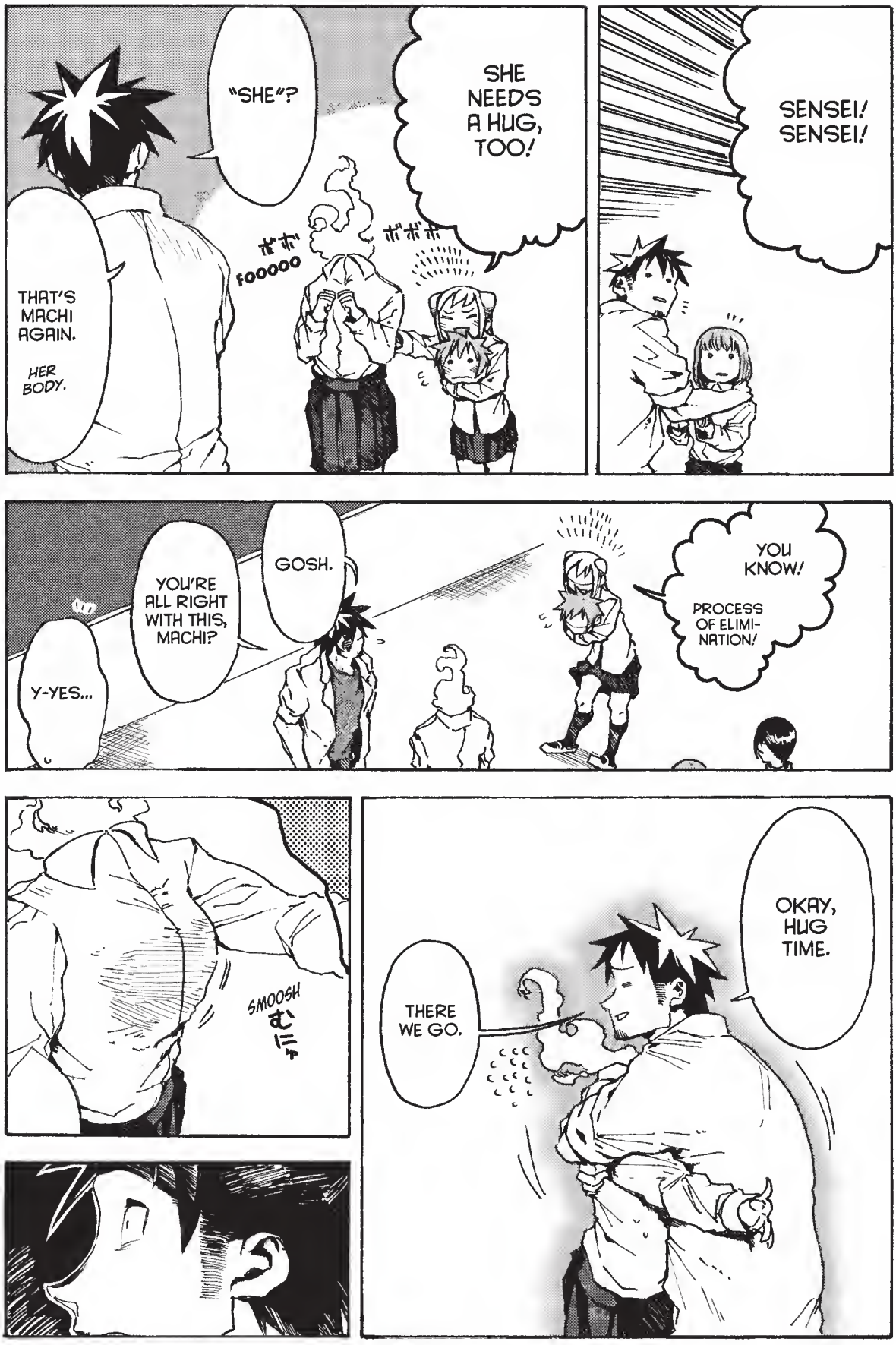

...IT'S NO ACCIDENT...
BUT I DO THINK...
...THAT YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY OTHER DEMIS.

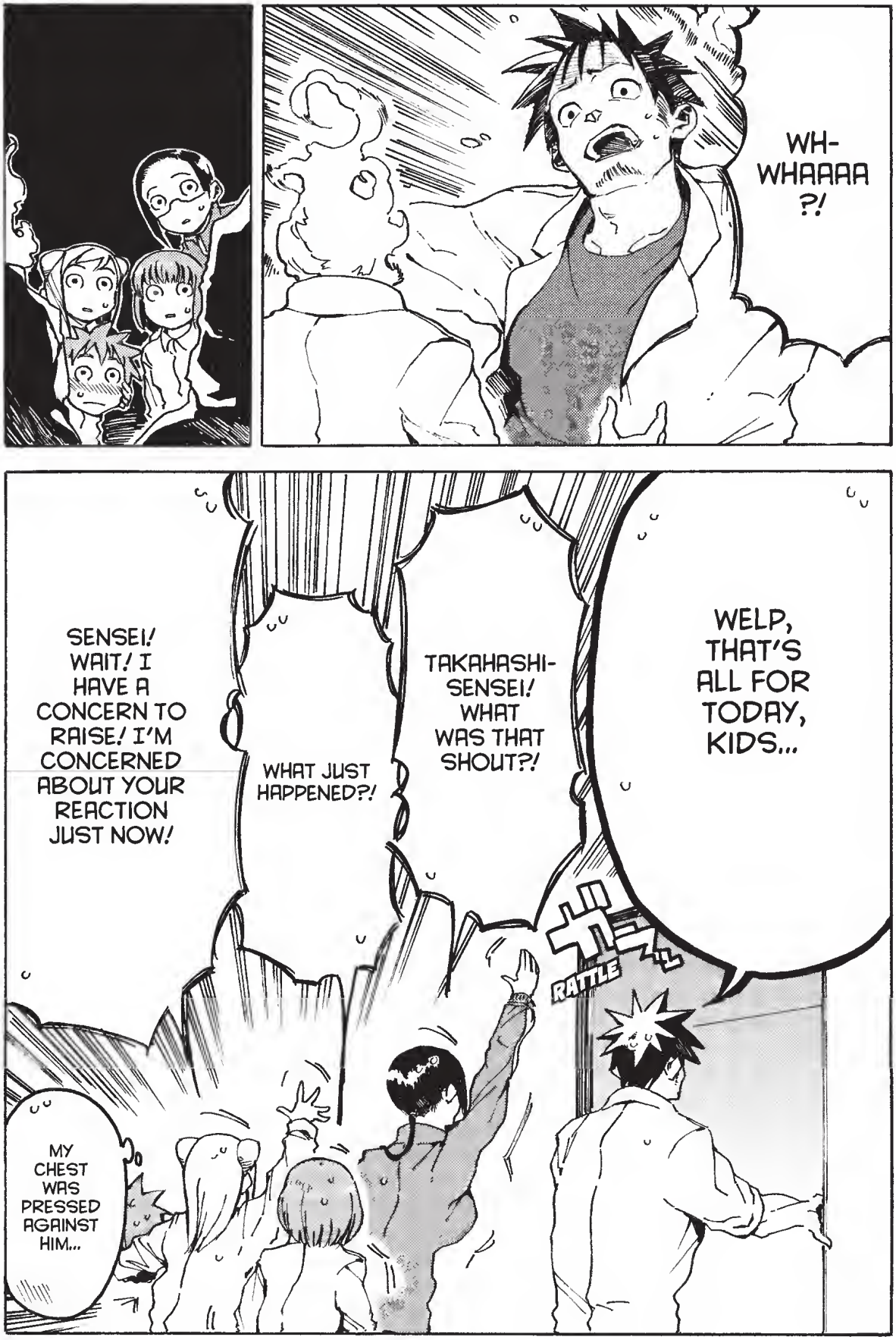

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS COMFORTABLE...
KUSA-KABE...
!
WHISPER
...WITH BEING A SNOW WOMAN.
AND NO ONE'S GOING TO FORCE YOU TO TALK ABOUT IT.

SO PLEASE, DON'T WORRY, ALL RIGHT?
IT'LL GET A WHOLE LOT MORE FUN.
...BUT I'M SURE THINGS WILL LOOK UP.
...TOO SIMPLE....
MAYBE THIS SOUNDS...

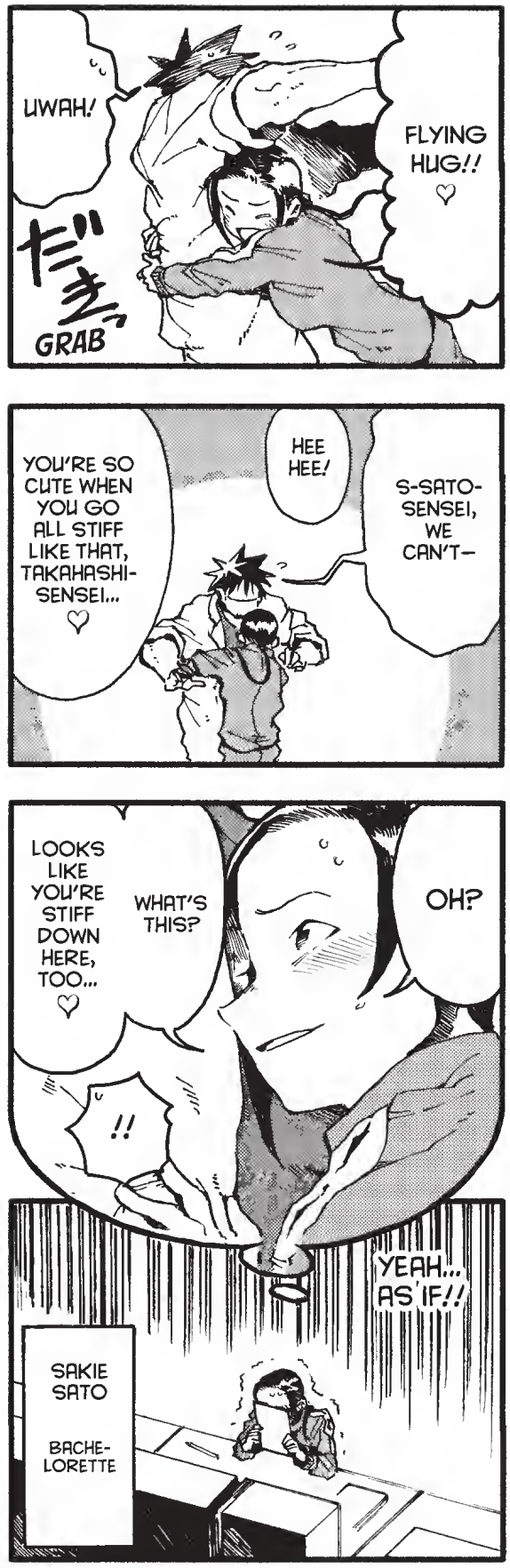
MAYBE TAKAHASHI-SENSEI...
SQUEEZE ギュ
ALL RIGHT...


...ABOUT WHO I AM...
...WILL TURN OUT TO BE THE PERSON I CAN TALK TO...


"SHE"?
SHE NEEDS A HUG, TOO!
ボボ
fooooo
ボボボ
THAT'S MACHI AGAIN.
HER BODY.
SENSEI! SENSEI!
GOSH.
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH THIS, MACHI?
Y-YES...
YOU KNOW! PROCESS OF ELIMI-NATION!
SMOOSH むにゃ
OKAY, HUG TIME.
THERE WE GO.


WH-WHAAAA?!
WELP, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, KIDS...
TAKAHASHI-SENSEI! WHAT WAS THAT SHOUT?!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
SENSEI! WAIT! I HAVE A CONCERN TO RAISE! I'M CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR REACTION JUST NOW!
RATTLE
MY CHEST WAS PRESSED AGAINST HIM...

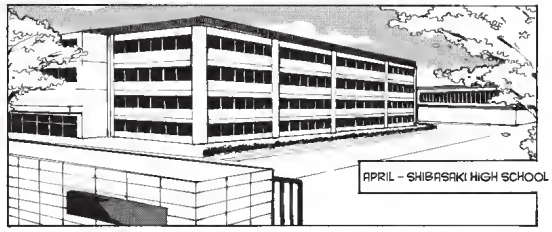
VOLUME 1/END

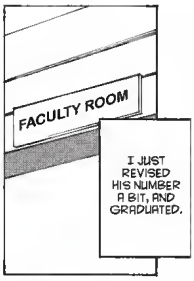

UWAH!
だき
GRAB
FLYING HUG!!
HEE HEE!
S-SATO-SENSEI, WE CAN'T—
YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU GO ALL STIFF LIKE THAT, TAKAHASHI-SENSEI...
OH?
WHAT'S THIS?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE STIFF DOWN HERE, TOO...
!!
YEAH... AS IF!!
SAKIE SATO
BACHE-LORETTE

TRANSLATION NOTES

April, page 4

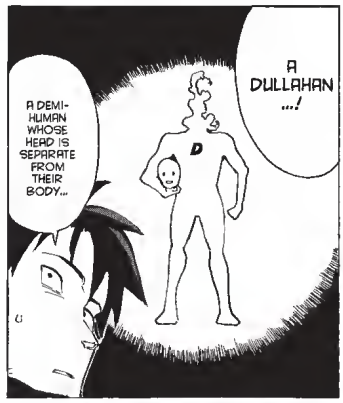
The Japanese school year begins in April. In principle, this coincides with the blooming of the cherry trees, which are a common symbol of youth and school life.





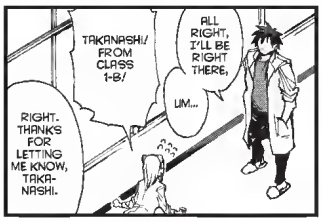
Faculty Room, page 5

In Japanese high schools, teachers typically do not have their own offices, but share a single large room where they do their work and prepare for classes. The Faculty Room is open to students who need to talk to a specific teacher.



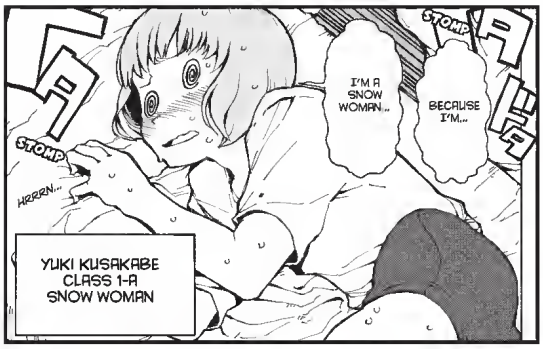
Dullahan, page 11

The dullahan is a headless horseman out of Irish mythology. They can be harbingers of death.



Class 1-B, page 9

That is, year 1, class B. Students in Japanese high schools are assigned to a single home room (A, B, etc.) where they stay during the day for all classes except gym. It is the teachers, not the students, who go from room to room for each class.



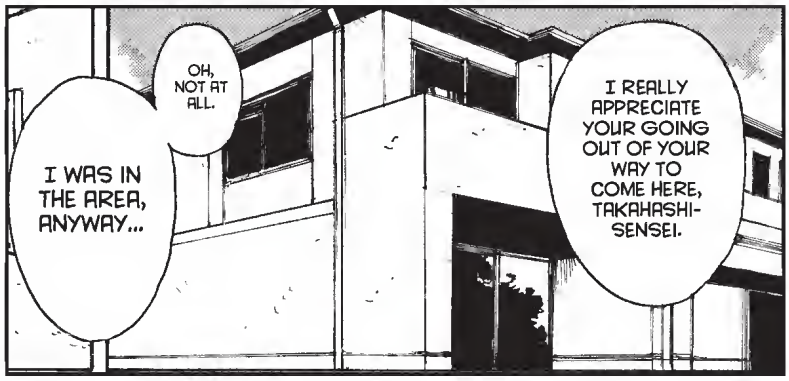
Snow Woman, page 12

The snow woman, or yuki-onna, has been a part of Japanese legend from antiquity. Often appearing in a blizzard, this woman with snow-white skin sometimes kills those who encounter her. The snow woman also features in one of the stories in Lafcadio Hearn's *Kwaidan*, where she spares a young man on the promise that he will never tell anyone of their meeting. The name Yuki means "snow."

COME ON, JUST A BIT? I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM A REAL VAMPIRE.
WELL... FINE... MAYBE IT'LL BE FUN.
YEAH, THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS IN HERE THAT DON'T TAKE SUNLIGHT WELL.
HEY, THE SUN'S REALLY BRIGHT IN OUR CLASSROOM!
AND I'D HATE TO MAKE EVERYONE ELSE SIT IN SOME DARK CORNER WITH ME...

Sunlight, page 23

Ironically, the meaning of the word and name *hikari* is "light."



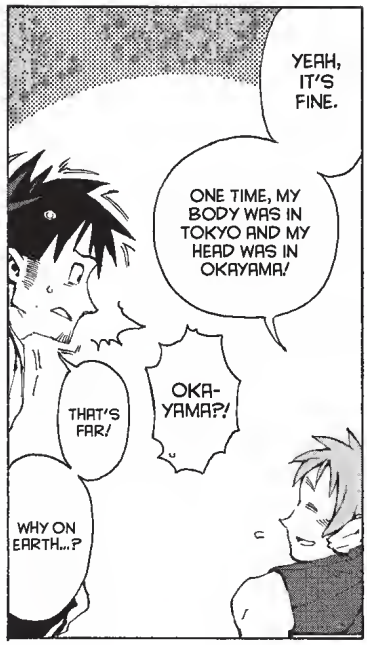
Home Visits, page 37

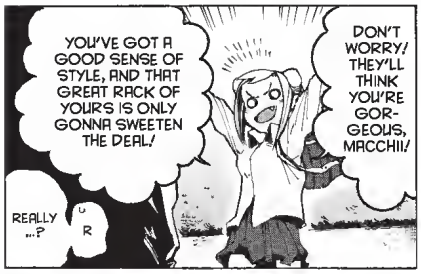
It's not unusual in Japan for a teacher to visit a student's home, especially if that student is having trouble at school.

My Wife is the Breadwinner, page 37
It is still uncommon in Japan for a wife to be the main earner in a household.

I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL THAT HIKARI HAS A TEACHER WHO RESPECTS DEMIS.
BUT SHE'S NOT THE ONLY WAY OUR HOME IS DIFFERENT. MY WIFE IS THE BREADWINNER IN THIS FAMILY, YOU SEE.
I KNOW OUR HIKARI IS A LITTLE UNUSUAL.
KOJI TAKANASHI STAY-AT-HOME DAD

Okayama, page 53
A city on the coast of Honshu across from the island of Shikoku, far south of Tokyo.

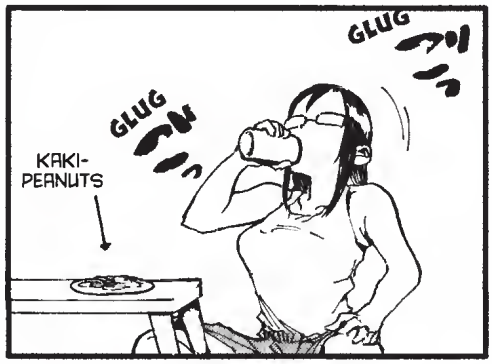



YOU'VE GOT A GOOD SENSE OF STYLE, AND THAT GREAT RACK OF YOURS IS ONLY GONNA SWEETEN THE DEAL!
DON'T WORRY! THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE GOR-GEOUS, MACCHII!
REALLY ...?

Macchii, page 65
Nicknames or pet names are as common in Japan as anywhere else. Hikari has coined a simple nickname for Kyoko by doubling two of the sounds in her name. Yukkii (page 112) follows the same pattern.

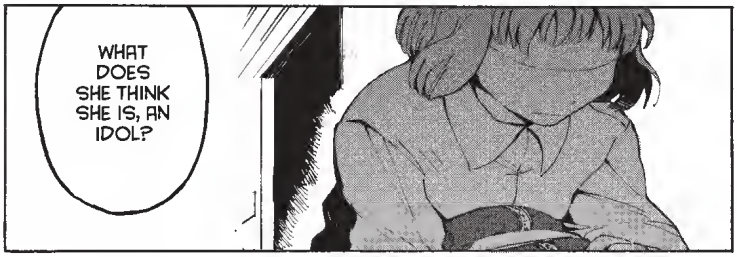
I TAKE THE FIRST TRAIN OUT AND THE LAST TRAIN BACK...
I CAN ONLY EVER SLEEP AT MY OWN HOUSE..
I KNEW IT WOULD BE HARD, A SUCCUBUS LIVING IN THE HUMAN WORLD, BUT MAYBE I DIDN'T REALIZE JUST HOW HARD...

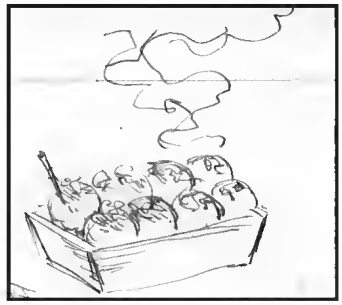
First Train, Last Train, page 87
Times vary by day and location, but in general, the first train runs at around 5:00 in the morning, while the last may run at midnight or 1:00 a.m.



Kaki-peanuts, page 93
A common bar snack in Japan. Contains peanuts and small, crescent-shaped bits of rice cracker (often a little spicy).

Idol, page 100
Idols, now ubiquitous in the Japanese music scene, are pop stars who are recruited at a young age for their looks and public image, and developed by a talent agency into a group with mass-market appeal. Many idols start out in high school, so though these girls are just being mean, Yuki is at the right age for it.





Takoyaki, page 141
Takoyaki are balls of octopus meat, fried up in a special mold and served piping hot.

GET IT? GOT IT? MAYBE?

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